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The Cape To Blame.

Its Ministry Has Encouraged the Queen's Enemies in South Africa.

Natal's Readiness to Seize Boer Ammunition Noted in Contrast.

While Peace Seems Probable the British Elaborate Armed Precautions.

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 9.—The complete dearth of news from the Cape, on which all attention is rivetted, is poorly compensated for by the mass of minor details published of the preparations for the despatch of the army corps. There is said to be apprehensions that the radicals will offer protracted opposition when parliament opens to the government's policy in South Africa, which will possibly make prorogation and Christmas near neighbors. Lord Salisbury's whip to the Lords, issued to-night, says parliament will deal with matters of grave moment.

The latest from Lorenzo Marquez relating to the chasing of the steamer Guelph by the cruiser Philomel caused some stir especially as it was announced that the Guelph had a hundred cases of ammunition for the Boers. There is a pretty general feeling that the ammunition ought not to have been allowed entrance. The Pall Mall Gazette referring to the matter says: "There is some hope that the ammunition can be seized at Durban, as Natal possesses a ministry whose loyalty is unquestioned. Had not the Filipinos been given arms by Americans with which to fight Spain, General Otis would long ago have been enjoying his ease at home. Similarly with the Boers, we may have to pay heavily in blood for the part the Cape government has exhibited in this matter."

EIGHT MONTHS' SUPPLIES.

London, Oct. 9.—Some indication of the war office's estimates of the campaign is given by the fact that the authorities have contracted for eight months' supply of bread and other military requisites rendered necessary by the absence of the bulk of the army service corps, which the war office thus evidently calculates will be at home again by the beginning of May. It appears that although the war office have called upon 25,000 reserves only the pick of them, some 5,000, will be retained at the colors.

A report is in circulation of an organization of a corps of volunteers to aid the burghers but it lacks confirmation.

THE RADICALS' IDEA.

London, Oct. 9.—Baron Tweedmouth presided at a meeting of the Council of London Radicals to-night, which after a speech by Lord Tweedmouth deploring the unwise policy of the government, whose despatches he declared were not couched in conciliatory terms, adopted a resolution in favor of arbitration and calling upon the government to take steps tending to a settlement of the difficulty with the Transvaal by negotiations for arbitration.

KRUGER'S BIRTHDAY.

Pretoria, Oct. 9.—President Kruger, in the course of an interview to-day, said he regarded the situation as very grave and considered it very difficult to predict coming events. The landing of British reinforcements in Natal, he said, did not trouble him, as he had full faith in the Almighty.

Mr. Kruger declared he knew nothing of the reported intention of Mr. Hofmeyer, the Afrikander leader, and Mr. J. Rose-Innes, under secretary for Native Affairs in South Africa, to come to Pretoria, and that there was nothing further known regarding the suggested arbitration by the United States.

President Kruger will celebrate the 75th anniversary of his birth to-morrow.

State Secretary Reitz to-day said that negotiations were pending regarding mediation by the United States but nothing was decided.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

London, Oct. 9.—The Duke of Devonshire, lord president of the council, speaking on the Transvaal difficulty, said that he was afraid the only hopeful sign was the fact that the government of the South African Republic did not appear inclined to precipitate any acts of aggression upon British territory such as their previous preparations led the British government to anticipate as within the possibilities. No doubt the longer such an attempt should be delayed, the less would be the probability of even a temporary success. "Although the government does not consider it right," said His Grace," "to relax any measures deemed necessary, and although preparations for the possible campaign are still in full progress, I think I may say that the country may rest assured that no irrevocable step will be taken until the Transvaal reply has been received and she has had full opportunity to consider the demands which the British government consider necessary to protect the rights of their fellow-citizens and to safeguard British interests in South Africa. In these circumstances there is a chance—perhaps only a remote chance—that wiser counsels than have hitherto prevailed may assert themselves. I do not complain of the speeches of independent politicians, although it may be doubted that such utterances tend to peace; but a different kind of responsibility rests upon those directly connected with the government. Though I do not regret anything I said on a former occasion when dealing with this question, yet the hand which that speech has given to certain irresponsible negotiators to open communications on their own account has warned me that at the present time a member of the government cannot be too careful of what he says, and that the wisest thing perhaps is to abstain even from good words.

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CANADIAN DEATH ROLL.

Ex-M. P. for Argenteuil—Young Widow's Foolishness—Elderly Lady Burned to Death.

Montreal, Oct. 9.—(Special)—J. C. Wilson, the well-known paper manufacturer, died to-day of paralysis of the heart, aged 58. He was formerly representative of Argenteuil in the House of Commons as a Conservative.

Brockville, Oct. 9.—Mrs. Rogers, a young widow, committed suicide last night by jumping into the river. She had threatened to shoot a young man named Hamel, who had tampered with her affections. The police were called, and Mrs. Rogers ran to the river and jumped in.

London, Oct. 9.—While coming downstairs with a lighted lamp, Mrs. Elizabeth Dixon, an elderly lady, tripped and fell, causing the oil to ignite. Her clothing was set on fire, and before assistance arrived she was terribly burned, dying a few hours after in the hospital.

Winnipeg, Oct. 9.—Joseph Clouston, aged 70, of Lower Fort Garry, died suddenly on Saturday night while driving from Winnipeg with a companion.

James Burton, one of the oldest conductors of the C. P. R., died to-day at Brandon.

GRAND TRUNK HOLDS THE FORT.

Mr. Blair's Promise to Suspend Traffic Monopoly Not Yet Made Good.

Montreal, Oct. 9.—(Special)—The trouble between the C. P. R. and the Minister of Railways over the traffic arrangements of the Intercolonial has broken out again. A couple of weeks ago, when a temporary agreement was reached, it was understood that matters should remain as they were for the present season, pending further discussion with a view to a permanent agreement for next season. On this understanding the C. P. R. made arrangements with the steamship companies for the coming winter's business at St. John. Now it is alleged that the traffic manager of the Intercolonial, Mr. Wallace, has put into effect two orders—one that local rates would be charged on all freight destined for points on lines of the government east of St. John which came over the C. P. R. to St. John, and another that all freight originating on the lines of the Intercolonial east of St. John and destined for points west should be carried over the Intercolonial to Montreal, instead of as at present being handed over to the Canadian Pacific at St. John.

HUDSON'S BAY OFFICIALS.

Promotions Bring Several New Managers—Joseph Martin Bound for Ottawa.

Winnipeg, Oct. 9.—E. Taylor, for a number of years past manager of the Hudson's Bay Company's business in Calgary, has been appointed to an important position in Winnipeg. George Sharpe, for some time the company's manager at Vernon, B.C., succeeds Mr. Taylor as manager as Calgary. C. McGinn, late of the Winnipeg staff, has been promoted to be manager of the company's store at Vernon. Mr. Hunter, util lately the company's accountant at Fort Macleod, has succeeded G. W. Gill as manager at Pincher Creek, Mr. Gill having retired from the company's service.

Joseph Martin, ex-attorney-general of British Columbia, is at Portage la Prairie en route to Ottawa, where he goes on legal business.

Prairie fires have caused considerable damage in the Clandeboye district.

PRINCE RANJ FOR TORONTO.

His Cricketers to Meet There an All-Canada Team—Poor Batting by Americans.

Philadelphia, Oct. 9.—The match between the English cricketers and the gentlemen of Philadelphia was continued to-day on the Germantown Cricket Club's grounds at Manheime, and was notable for the poor batting of the Americans. The Englishmen were all out for 363 runs, and the Americans were retired in their first for 85. They began their first and made a total of 46 for two wickets down. Prince Ranjitsinhji's team will leave to-morrow night for Toronto, where they will play a two day's match against All-Canada, returning to New York on Friday.

NEW CELEBRITIES.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 9.—Al Weinig, the boxer, won from Scaldy Bill in the twelfth round to-night.

The Ameer Is Insane.

Brutal Executions and Daily Torture of Officials by His Direction.

Reported General Exodus From Afghanistan of Terror Stricken Inhabitants.

While Russian Accounts Speak of Armed Conflict With the British.

By Associated Press.

London, Oct. 10.—The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent says:

"Russian accounts represent Abdurrhaman Khan, Ameer of Afghanistan, as insane and likely to provoke a conflict between Russia and England.

"These accounts say the Ameer is sanctioning brutal executions and the torturing of officials daily and that his actions are resulting in a general exodus."

VENEZUELA QUIET AGAIN.

Insurgent Leader Says No More Hostilities at Present—He May Have Presidency.

Caracas, Venezuela, Oct. 9.—Senor Mates, the special envoy sent by President Andrade to the insurgent commander, Gen. Cipriano Castro, has returned here. He reports having had a prolonged interview with Gen. Castro, and he has assured United States Minister Loomis that there is no danger of further hostilities unless new and unexpected complications arise. President Andrade, it is rumored, will resign, allowing the peaceful election of Gen. Castro to the presidency. This plan would avoid a military dictatorship, several members of President Andrade's cabinet leaving the country. Two French warships are expected to-morrow at Laguayra, where the German training ship Nixe has arrived.

WOMEN ON A JAMBOREE.

Three Hundred in a House of Refuge Demolish Furniture and Windows.

Hudson, N. Y., Oct. 9.—The three hundred inmates of the Hudson house of refuge for women began to raise an uproar at midnight last night in the several cottages, as though by preconcerted arrangements. From midnight to daybreak their blasphemy and the sound of breaking furniture and glass was heard distinctly on the streets of Hudson. The few guards and the matrons were unable to cope with the rioters, and the Hudson police were telegraphed for. The women smashed furniture and windows, tore electric wires from walls, and destroyed in all about $500 worth of property.

RUSHING A VANDERBILT.

Delayed at Sea but to Make Great Time Across the Continent.

San Francisco, Oct. 9.—The steamer City of Pekin, from Hongkong and Yokohama via Honolulu, has been sighted. On board the Pekin is Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who will be rushed to his home in New York on a special train as soon as he is permitted to land from the steamer. He will be conveyed to Oakland on a special tugboat and his special train will leave the pier as soon as the roadway is clear. His presence is required in New York in connection with winding up the Cornelius Vanderbilt estate. The Pekin is overdue four days.

MR. HOSMER A DIRECTOR.

Montreal, Oct. 9.—Mr. C. R. Hosmer has been elected a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL.

Toronto, Oct. 9.—The opening game in the inter-collegiate Rugby league, played on Saturday between 'Varsity and McGill, proved a splendid victory for 'Varsity, last year's champions, who won by 33 to 6, the half-time score being 15 to 0. Fifteen hundred people witnessed the match.

Carpets taken up, beaten and re-laid on short notice by Weiler Bros. Only first class men employed.

FILIPINOS SHED THEIR UNIFORMS.

When Americans Appear in Force Insurgents Simply Turn Civilian.

By Associated Press.

Manila, Oct. 9.—General Schwann's column, consisting of the Thirteenth infantry, a battalion of the fourteenth infantry and two troops of cavalry, Capt. Riley's battery of the Fifth artillery and Lowe's scouts, continued the advance today towards Malabon, meeting with very little resistance and suffering no casualties. The enemy fell back steadily. This evening the column is resting between Santa Cruz and Malabon. Provisions are being conveyed to Soparie, between Noveleta and Santa Cruz.

An expedition composed of the U. S. gunboats Callao and Manila, with an armored flagboat and steampump, has left Cavite for the river Pasig, or Betis, which empties into Manila bay on the north side, with a view to raising the Spanish river gunboat Ayat, sunk in the river by the Spaniards, which is reported to be in good condition. The U. S. gunboat Helena, with a body of marines from the Baltimore preceded the expedition to make soundings at the mouth of the river.

The American camp is within sight of Malabon, the stronghold of the insurgents in the province of Cavite, where the Filipinos are said to number five thousand. During the march from Noveleta to Rosario only a few shots were fired. This large coast town was literally filled with white flags. The Americans captured two or three hundred men, many of the Filipinos changing their clothing for white costumes. The Bay of Rosary was filled with hundreds of boats in which people had spent an exciting night.

BRIG'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Philadelphia, Oct. 9.—The Rhinelander has arrived here reporting having fallen in with the brig Ida-Maude in a sinking condition. She had encountered a severe storm which washed her deck load of lumber overboard and opened up seams to such an extent that had not assistance arrived at the time it did the captain and his men would have lost their lives.

TICKET AGENTS' CONFERENCE.

Winnipeg, Oct. 9.—The Canadian ticket agents' delegates arrived to-day by special train from the East and are the guests of the city. There are about 200 in the party.

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BETWEEN THE ACTS
ALL TOBACCO CIGARETTES
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VICTORIA, B.C. "THE CORNER."

Council Reads The By-Law.

But Reduces by Half Amount of Subsidy Proposed to Be Voted.

Riflemen Ask Assistance to Make Clover Point Their Permanent Range.

The by-law embodying the Port Angeles Eastern railway ferry proposition, of which so much has been heard during the past few weeks, passed its second reading by the city council last evening, Ald. Hayward withdrawing his opposition on the understanding that the amount of subsidy would be materially reduced when the measure reached the committee stage. This followed immediately, when the proposal to contribute $17,500 annually was promptly met with an amendment to fix the amount at one-half this figure—$8,750. There were various other sums suggested—$12,500, $12,000, $11,000 and $10,000, at which latter figure Ald. Hayward made a final fight for a majority. Each proposal above the $8,750 mark was lost on a tie division of the board, the mayor's vote counting, and the $8,750 finally prevailed without His Worship's assistance—Ald. Kinsman supporting with an active vote, and Ald. Williams voting neither aye nor nay, and being therefore counted affirmatively. The meeting was remarkable for sharp passages between the Mayor and Aldermen Williams and MacGregor, the former in particular disputing the authority of the chair.

Although the Port Angeles business, and the council proceedings with reference thereto, constituted the interesting feature of the evening, this item was not reached until late in the session.

First in the order of proceedings came a letter from Hon. J. Fred. Hume, requesting permission to plant shade trees on either side of the Dallas road, opposite his residence. This was granted, under the supervision of course of the engineer.

The British America Paint Co. asked that the sidewalk in front of their new building be put in repair, and should a favorable report be received from the engineer, to whom the matter is referred, this will be done.

John Robertson sought permission to place a brick foundation underneath his blacksmith shop, to prevent the building settling, and the fire wardens and building inspector will deal with the request involved.

A request from David Blair that he be allowed to use one of the rooms in the city hall, for the holding of a free exhibition of works of art, preliminary to the opening of a school of art, goes to the Mayor, with authority to act.

Thomas & Grant were allowed an extension of time for the delivery of the new police uniforms—until October 7; and

The electric light committee will consider the request of William Marchant for the location of two lights at the corner of Haughton street and North Pembroke, and North Chatham street and Belmont avenue.

From Major B. Williams came the following, accompanied by a map showing clearly the local geography involved:

Victoria, Oct. 5, 1899.

To His Worship, the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Victoria:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to state that during the recent visit to this city of Mr. Paul Weatherbe, inspector of public works of the militia department of Canada, the matter of a rifle range for the use of the active militia of Victoria was gone into.

Various sites in different parts of the suburbs of Victoria were submitted to and examined by Mr. Weatherbe. I may say, of all the sites so examined, the old range at Clover Point was the only one which, in Mr. Weatherbe's opinion, fulfilled in any measure the conditions laid down by the militia department of Canada, in the selection of rifle ranges.

I had the pleasure of accompanying Mr. Weatherbe, when he visited Clover Point range, and his advice to me, as being one who was interested in obtaining a rifle range as conveniently situated as possible, for the use of our local militia, was to use every possible endeavor to get all data and information concerning the Clover Point rifle range in shape as soon as possible, so that the matter can be submitted in a report to the militia department, with a view of having the Dominion government acquire the land necessary, and proceed with the construction of a well-equipped, modern range on this site.

Mr. Weatherbe gave me to understand that the militia department recognized the fact that a rifle range for Victoria was an absolute necessity, and he also stated that the Dominion authorities were prepared to expend in the neighborhood of $15,000 upon acquiring the land and building and equipping a first-class range, if a site which would in a fair measure fulfil the conditions required by them, in the selection of rifle range sites, was submitted to them. He stated that Clover Point range, while not fulfilling these conditions at present in as great a measure as he would like to see, could be made to do by acquiring a strip of land, having an average width of 100 feet, immediately to the north of the present range site; and further by closing the road which exists between the south end of Cook street, and following the bank of the shore line easterly to the cable station to the east of Moss street; and substituting for the road thus closed a road which would run approximately 120 feet to the north, and parallel to it. I may say the southern extremities of Cook street and Moss street, for a distance of 150 and 120 feet respectively, would require to be closed, and the roads from Beacon Hill park running east would require to be connected with this new road. In fulfilment, therefore, of Mr. Weatherbe's suggestions, I have been in correspondence with the trustees of the Douglas estate, and have obtained from them the price and terms upon which the Dominion government can acquire subdivision 82, and the southerly portion of sub-divisions 15, 16, 33, 34 and 51 of the Fairfield Farm estate.

I now have the honor to approach your honorable body, with a view of ascertaining what aid you are prepared to extend to the local militia, in placing this matter in as favorable position as possible for the acceptance of the militia authorities. In order to carry out the suggestions made by Mr. Weatherbe to me as above, it will devolve upon your honorable body to do the following things, which are more or less touched upon above:

1st. To permit the erection of a firing point upon the southeasterly corner of Beacon Hill park, and as near as possible to the edge of the bank at that point.

2nd. To close the Dallas road, as it at present exists, from the easterly boundary of Beacon Hill park to the southeast corner of sub-division 51 Fairfield Farm estate; also to close to traffic the southerly 120 feet more or less of Moss street, reserving, however, to the city a right of way from this point to the beach and along the sewer-pipe line, which extends through lot 82 Fair Field Farm estate.

3rd. The taking over by the city of a strip of land 60 feet wide, running more or less parallel to the closed portion of Dallas road, either upon condition that the Dominion government construct a new road therein, which would be equal in all respects to that portion of Dallas road closed; or it may be that your honorable body, in view of the fact of the large expenditure it will entail upon the Dominion government to construct, equip and maintain this range, and in view of the undoubted advantages accruing to the city of Victoria from having a properly equipped modern rifle range within its bounds, will see fit to aid this project by taking over the aforesaid strip of land 60 feet wide, and constructing at your own proper expense the proposed new road.

4th. It will be necessary, also, to alter and change the direction of those roads which approach the southeasterly corner of Beacon Hill park so that they would join and connect with the proposed new road where it meets the southerly extremity of Cook street.

In reviewing the whole matter I cannot help pointing out a fact in connection with the adoption of the Clover Point range, which I think should be given due weight by your honorable body, as it is one which is bound of itself to be the means of saving the city in the near future a considerable sum of money. I refer to the fact that the coast line from Clover Point westerly to Cook street, and indeed along the whole shore line of Beacon Hill, the sea has been for years making serious inroads upon the land, with a result that every fall and spring small land slides occur all along this bank. It will be noticed that at the southern extremity of Cook street a small railing has of late years been put up, to safeguard the public from a landslide, which at that point has cut into the road.

It is needless, I think, to explain further that in order to prevent the ultimate washing away of the whole of that portion of Dallas road, which I have asked above to have closed, it will be necessary for the city council to do one of two things, viz.: either log up the entire shore line, from the end of Moss street to the end of Cook street, or else to close the existing road, and open a new one further inland, thus removing the jar which constant traffic occasions, and which in a greater or less degree is no doubt responsible for land slides above referred to.

I wish to point out that in event of either of these courses being taken the cost of the city will be very great, and I cannot help thinking that your hearty support of this rifle range project, at this time, will certainly mean the obviating of a large expenditure by the ratepayers of Victoria, at a not very distant date.

In conclusion, I would ask your honorable body that you would extend to this matter your immediate attention, and that I may be placed in possession of your views in regard to the matter at as early date as possible, so that I may be enabled to conclude the report, which will be forwarded through the proper channels of the militia authorities.

I enclose herewith a blue-print of a plan prepared by Mr. George Hargreaves, C.E., in the above matter.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
B. WILLIAMS,
Major Fifth Regiment, C. A.

Referred to special committee for report.

CHAS. E. REDFERN,
Mayor.

The mayor observed that all members of the board were now well acquainted with the subject involved in this communication, and he thought the council having no objection to the proposed change, should so reply to Major Williams, with an intimation that the road would be built upon arrangements being perfected.

Ald. Humphrey agreed with this, but maintained that it would be preferable to have the road a little further up the hill. He suggested a special committee to confer with the Major, and take such action as was known to be favored by the board.

Ald. Hayward impressed upon any committee that might be appointed the necessity of diverting the road to the north. He thought this should be made a condition of acquiescence, and believed that the public would appreciate such a stand.

The committee was named by the chair to consist of Ald. Humphrey, Beckwith and Stewart.

A. R. Snelling's application for appointment as electric wire inspector was tabled; and Thomas Flewin's complaint of a dangerous chimney at St. Anne's convent was referred to the fire wardens and department chief for investigation.

City Solicitor J. M. Bradburn, reporting on the Keller claim, advised the tender of $20, without prejudice and in full, and complete discharge of all obligations.

Ald. MacGregor opposed the suggested action, maintaining that there should be no compromise. He thought that $20 was more than Mr. Keller asked (provided he got three pieces of pipe which could not now be found), and moved that the report be referred back for a further explanation from the solicitor.

This was supported and seconded by Ald. Williams.

As an amendment Ald. Stewart moved the reference of the entire matter to the city solicitor for action.

Ald. Hayward inquired if there was any reason to believe that $20 would be accepted.

Mr. Bradburn thought it would.

An amendment to the amendment, adopting the report, was accordingly offered by Ald. Humphrey and Kinsman, and this prevailed.

A voluminous report was received from the city engineer and assessor with reference to the cost of permanent paving for Yates street, from Government to the upper corner of Broad. The total cost is stated at $5,500, of which the city's proportion would be $3,059.

A motion to adopt this report and advertise its contents in accordance with the requirements of the act was unanimously accepted.

The park committee asked for and were granted an appropriation of $80, wherewith to make suitable provision for the care of the city's birds during the winter season—Ald. MacGregor complaining that last winter, in order to keep the tropical pets alive, the caretaker was compelled to take them to his home.

From the special committee to whom had been referred a recent appeal from the hackmen, came a report in which it was stated that while the committee could not recommend any radical change from the programme recently adopted, they would advise the granting of permission for the use of the paved stand at the corner of Yates and Government streets, on condition that it be kept clean by the hack owners, to the satisfaction of the sanitary inspector. In amendment to a motion for adoption, Ald. Beckwith and Brydon moved against the granting of the indulgence aimed at. This amendment prevailed by 6 to 3.

In a special report from the finance committee it was provided that the city offer a reward of $250 in each case for the apprehension of the murderers of Mrs. Bings and Michael Powers, this being approved.

Ald. Williams moved, with Ald. Beckwith as seconder, that the council go into committee of the whole for the purpose of devising a scheme for the suitable entertainment of General Hutton, the mover explaining that his object was to promote the development of Victoria from a militia point of view. Neither the Mayor nor Ald. Humphrey recognized any necessity for an appropriation of civic funds in this direction, and the motion was lost, even the seconder voting against it.

The Electric Wiring by-law was reconsidered and finally passed; and the item of the Port Angeles Eastern Terminal Company by-law was then reached.

This at the adjournment of the council one week ago had been a tie vote, there being before the board a motion to pass the second reading, with an amendment that the second reading be deferred until such time as railway and ferry were actually in operation.

Before proceeding to the vote, Ald. MacGregor offered a few remarks. He held that the tourist traffic to Victoria to be created by the new connection would amount to a disbursement of at least $200,000 per annum—estimating 10,000 tourists to come this way every year by the new route. This new road and ferry practically meant the entrance of the G. T. R. to Victoria, the C. P. R.'s great Canadian competitor, and ultimately, the extension of the E. & N. to the northern end of the Island, and the continuation of the Dawson telegraph from Skagway down the Island.

Ald. Hayward, while not wishing to debate the principle of the by-law, sought permission (which was granted on vote of the council) for a brief explanation. He had said when this by-law was last before the council, that he opposed it solely because he thought Victoria would be paying too much for the privileges to be secured. He had now been given to understand that the promoters were willing to accept a material reduction of subsidy, and with the understanding that the subsidy would be so reduced in committee he was prepared to support the second reading.

The amendment—that the by-law receive a second reading upon completion of the railway and ferry—was negatived, the supporters being Ald. Cameron, Stewart and Humphrey, with the Mayor; the opponents of this amendment were Ald. Hayward, Beckwith, Brydon, MacGregor, Williams and Kinsman.

The council going at once into committee, objection arose on the very first clause, providing for an annual subsidy of $17,500 for a period of twenty years. Ald. Stewart moved to substitute $8,750 for $17,500.

Mayor Redfern thought $5,000 per annum for twenty years was quite as much as Victoria should think of giving.

"I am straining my conscience all I can in putting it at $8,750," said Ald. Stewart.

Ald. Williams held that the completion of this connection was the only weapon to use to compel the coming of the C. P. R., and was proceeding to elaborate this idea when the point of order was taken by Ald. Brydon that this did not touch the substance of the section—applying more to the principle of the by-law.

Ald. Humphrey thought the present the wrong time to present the by-law, and moved that the period of assistance be ten and not twenty years.

Ald. Cameron opposed the proposal in toto. He failed to see where Victoria was to get value for $17,500 per annum out of this bargain—it would not come in augmented realty values, improved trade, nor yet quicker communication with the outside world. This being the case, he would support the smallest amount named—if he could not have the pleasure of assisting in knocking it out altogether.

Ald. Brydon thought it was too much to ask the citizens of Victoria to supply all the cash for the building of this Angeles and Victoria ferry, and if only two amounts—$17,500 and $8,750—were suggested, he should vote for the smaller sum.

Ald. Beckwith believed the company were now asking for an amount far in excess of the contemplated outlay, and held that it would be ridiculous for Victoria to give $17,500 per annum for ten years, for securing connection by a little 100x20 foot steamer.

To this Ald. Williams replied that the ferry steamer must be built subject to the council's approval; while as to the cost of maintaining wharves, he pointed to the fact that the general maintenance of the Victoria outer wharf was not less than $8,000 a year.

Ald. Hayward moved in amendment to the amendment that the subsidy be reduced from $17,500 to $12,000, and that all conditions now contained in the by-law as to the speed of the ferries or otherwise be complied with. After discussion this was lost on a tie vote, the record being:

For—Ald. Williams, Kinsman, MacGregor, Beckwith and Hayward.

Against—Ald. Cameron, Humphrey, Brydon, Stewart and the Mayor.

Ald. Williams bitterly assailed the Mayor's vote, asserting that His Worship did his best to thwart every move in the direction of improving the city's position.

The alderman was repeatedly called to order, but declined to accept the rulings of the chair. Finally the Mayor said:

"I will not permit such a line of conduct to be pursued."

"Oh, you think you're the king-pin, and can do as you please," observed Ald. Williams, manifesting no intention of resuming his seat.

"I will not sit here to be insulted," said the Mayor.

"Stand up, then," retorted Ald. Williams—"or go out."

"The Chair must be addressed in respectful language," said His Worship.

"That depends on how well the Chair deserves to be treated with respect," pursued the alderman. "You want to kill every good thing that is presented for Victoria."

His $12,500 meeting with defeat, Ald. Hayward tried $12,000. Ald. Beckwith still considered this large; insisted on knowing in dollars and cents what return Victoria would get, and finally accorded his support. The motion was lost, again on the tie vote.

Then Ald. MacGregor moved that the amount be $11,000.

The cost of the ferry and terminal facilities at both ends being $370,000, the Mayor thought this might very fairly be cut in two, and Victoria give half—$8,750 per year for the twenty years.

Ald. Humphrey thought that even this was too much, but would agree.

Ald. MacGregor and Williams said that this sum would not be entertained.

The $11,000 proposition was lost, again on the same tie vote. So was a motion by Ald. Hayward that the figure be $10,500. "I move we make it $10,000, then," said Ald. Hayward. "Ten Thousand is a nice, even figure. If the connection is worth anything it is worth $10,000 a year. That is just $200,000 in the twenty years—just the sum I was in favor of from the beginning. Let's make it $10,000."

The council would not have the $10,000. Ald. Beckwith tried $9,500—with no better success. Then it came down at last to Ald. Stewart's first amendment—or $8,750. Carried by six to three, said the clerk. Ald. Kinsman, Humphrey, Beckwith and Stewart had voted affirmatively, while Ald. Williams not raising his hand for or against, was counted affirmatively. In the negative were Ald. MacGregor, Hayward and Cameron.

It was soon after this that the committee rose, reporting progress, and the council meeting came to an end.

Cape Colony To Blame.

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There is no reason, in my opinion, to apprehend that matters have assumed a more critical stage, and I trust that the interval for reflection may conduce to a settlement which all the arguments and persuasion hitherto employed have been unable to effect."

London, Oct. 10—The Daily News publishes this morning the report of an interview with Mr. Milford, in which he predicts that victory will be only obtained by the British after a long and costly war. He says the Boers will fight like devils. The Jameson raid roused them, and ever since they have been preparing for war and practising shooting, and will resist to the end.

DANGER FROM NATIVES.

"I do not believe the Boers will incite the natives against England," said he, "but it is impossible to say what the natives will do. The Basutes are loyal to the Queen but hate the Free State. Though it would be a bad thing if the Basutes were to rise and conquer the Free State, it would be hardly possible to prevent them. The Swasis are equally bitter against the Transvaal, and would need little encouragement to lead them to attack the Republic. I do not think there is any danger from the Seules, but the Matabeles and the Mashonas might try to repeat the horrors of 1896. All the published estimates of the fighting strength of the Boers are exaggerated. It does not exceed 15,000 at the outside."

BURGHERS DISPIRITED.

London, Oct. 10.—The Daily Telegraph's Ladysmith correspondent says that a trustworthy colonial farmer asserts that he saw a thousand armed Boers out Sunday within the Natal border near Charlestown.

According to advices the burghers are still arriving at Sandspruit, and it is estimated that 13,000 are concentrated there. They are becoming very much dissatisfied by the inactivity and the heavy rains and bitter cold weather renders it very trying for both men and horses.

Capetown, Oct. 9.—The Afrikander bund has decided to call a congress in November. The members of the bund are advised to refrain in the meantime from taking part in local meetings.

Advices from Pretoria say the Netherlands railway management asserts that over 800 carriages and trucks belonging to the Transvaal are now in the British colony.

WHY NEWS LAGS.

London, Oct. 10.—The absence of news from South Africa appears to be due to a heavy block of the telegraph lines, which may mean that the lines are occupied with official despatches and that telegrams are being actively exchanged in negotiations.

At Durban it is said messages will not be accepted in code for any place in South Africa. No more gold will be permitted to leave the country.

From the Continent comes an unconfirmed report that preparations are being made for an organized attack upon the mines by natives and the destruction of the plants.

The Daily Chronicle this morning points out that although Mr. Chamberlain agreed to refer the matter to arbitration the indemnity for the Jameson raid is still unpaid and is not likely to be paid if war breaks out between Great Britain and the Transvaal.

It is anticipated an enthusiastic demonstration will be made when the New South Wales contingent arrives in London to embark for South Africa.

YACHTS FOG BOUND.

New York, Oct. 9.—At midnight the observer at Sandy Hook reported calm; thick fog off shore.

PERSONAL.

Senator Shoop returned from Alaska by the Cottage City yesterday.

E. E. Blackwood and C. J. V. Spratt returned from the Sound on Sunday.

Mayor Bate, of Nanaimo, returned on Sunday from Europe, and went home yesterday.

J. B. Gifen, provincial manager for R. G. Dun & Co., came down from Vancouver on Sunday.

M. H. McCabe, proprietor of the Wilson hotel in this city, returned on Sunday evening from a visit to Dawson.

Miss Walker, of the Victoria Conservatory of Music, has returned from the East, and is receiving her pupils as usual.

Col. Wolfenden, B. R. Seabrooke, R. L. Drury and F. S. Maclure were among the Victorians returning from the Mainland on Sunday evening.

Andrew Glide, who has been a patient at the Jubilee hospital, suffering from typhoid fever, during some weeks past, has sufficiently recovered to be about the streets again.

Capt. James Carroll, the pioneer of Alaskan steam navigation, was a passenger from the North by the Cottage City yesterday. He has been "inside" for some months on business in connection with the Boston & Alaska Transportation Company.

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OR SALERATUS IS THE BEST
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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meetings of the Ratepayers will be held.

At Semple's Hall, Victoria West,
Thursday Evening, October 12th

At Johns Bros.' Hall, Douglas St.,
Friday Evening, October, 13th

At Oddfellows' Hall, Spring Ridge,
Monday Evening, October 16th

To Discuss the

RAILWAY PROJECT VICTORIA TO CHILLIWHACK.

SOULANGES CANAL.

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—The formal opening of the Soulanges Canal took place to-day, several ministers and invited guests making the trip through. The electric machinery for operating the gates is not installed, so that the canal will be available this fall only in case of emergency.

NORWAY'S CROPS FAIL.

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—Canadian Commercial Agent Sontum reports the failure of the cereal and fruit crop in Norway, which will cause large imports of wheat, flour and apples this winter.

DIED.

WILLIS—At the P. E. Jubilee hospital, on the 9th inst., Martin Willis, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, aged 69 years.

The funeral will take place to-day (Tuesday) at 3 p.m., from Hayward's Undertaking Parlors.

MONUMENTS Call and get prices for Monuments, Copings, Wreaths, etc., at
BRADBURY'S Marble and Granite Work
Blanchard St., one block above City Ha

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL
Fall - Exhibition
OF THE
Saanich Agricultural Society
WILL BE HELD AT THE
Agricultural Hall, South Saanich
ON
Friday and Saturday,
OCTOBER 20 and 21.

Live stock to be judged on Saturday morning.

Indian and Farmers' races Saturday afternoon, commencing 3 o'clock, following with Baby Show at 4 o'clock.—Judge H. D. H.

BAND IN ATTENDANCE IN THE AFTERNOON.

DANCE TO BE HELD IN THE EVENING.

The election of officers for ensuing year will take place at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

Trains leave Hillside Avenue station at 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Returning will leave Saanich at 8:25 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

Refreshments served on the grounds.

ADMISSION - - 25 cents.

JUST ARRIVED
From Holland.
A large consignment of...
Dutch Bulbs
In grand condition.
WM. DODDS, Florist,
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Universal Brotherhood.
A Special Public Meeting
Will be held on
Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7:45 p.m. Sharp
AT
28 Broad Street, Williams' Block.
Address on "The Work of Mme. H. P. Blavatsky," to be followed by musical and literary entertainment. Admission free.

BUSINESS CHANGE.
The undersigned begs to notify the public that he has disposed of his long established grocery business to the PACIFIC GROCERY COMPANY, as from the 2nd October.
Thanking my numerous patrons for their liberal patronage in the past, and soliciting a continuance of the same for my successors.
S. SCHOEN.

TENDERS

are requested for the supply of the

Garrison Canteen, Work Pt. Barracks

for the following articles:

BEER,
SODA WATER,
LEMONADE and GINGER BEER,
COAL OIL,
POTATOES,
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GROCERIES.

Less excise and customs duties.

The tender will be for twelve months. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Full particulars and detail of articles required can be obtained from the Canteen Manager. Tenders will be opened on the 20th inst.

JAMES MOIR,
Major R. A. M. C.,
President Reg. Institute.

NOTICE.

Phoenix Place, between Toronto Street and Avalon Road is closed to traffic.

C. H. TOPP,
City Engineer.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS ONE Cent Per Word Per Insertion. Cash No Advertisement Inserted for Less Than Twenty-Five Cents.

WANTED.

WANTED—The furniture, etc., of a good residence; will pay cash if price low enough; price must be stated in all cases. L., Colonist office. o10

AN ENGLISHMAN, newly arrived, with $25,000 capital at present available, wishes a sound investment for same; farming preferred. Apply in the first instance, "Investor," Colonist office. o10

PARTNER WANTED—With small capital; demand for goods unlimited; profit very large; less than a hundred dollars needed. Address to-day "Partner," Colonist office. o10

WANTED—About 75 or 100 second-hand store shelving. Apply to J. Woods, 83 Johnson st. o10

WANTED—Good boy for store. Apply, with age, etc., B. C. D., Colonist office. o10

WANTED—Milch cow, guaranteed to give from 3 gallons per day and upwards. Mrs. G. B. Dyne, Sidney P. O., Victoria. o8

YOUNG MAN wanted at The White House; must know the town. Salary $20 month.

FURNISHED HOUSE wanted by November 1, not far from the city. Address W. K., Colonist office. o7

HAVE YOUR BOOTS AND SHOES repaired by C. Naugle, the prize boot and shoemaker; he don't charge credit prices. Repairing Depot, 56 Fort street.

WANTED—$2.00 per day sure, gentlemen or ladies; special work; position permanent; reliable firm, with best references; experience unnecessary. Address S. M Fry, field manager, Winnipeg, Man. s30

FOR SALE.

FOR FINE ROOMS at reasonable prices try the International, 40 Johnson. Newly opened. o10

FOR SALE—Good, mealy potatoes, at 47 Boyd st., James Bay. o10

A BARGAIN—Five acres on Wilkinson road; under cultivation. Terms, G., Colonist office. o8

GRASS LAND—244 acres, 1½ mile frontage on Fraser river; also $350 building lot, 50x117. William Andean, Stanley av. o8

FOR SALE—Several cows; also collie pups. James W. Meldram, Douglas st. o8

FOR SALE—Cheap, large Refrigerator and Bagatelle Table. Apply M. E. H., Colonist office. o8

FOR SALE—First-class Jersey cow, fresh. Apply T. W. Sellwood, Hagan, South Saanich. o6

FOR SALE—Modern cottage; all conveniences; desirable locality. Address "Nob Hill," Colonist Office.

FOR SALE—Good-looking bay mare, 15 hands; quiet to ride and drive. The Barracks, Victoria. s27

FOR SALE—Farms and residential properties in the vicinity of Duncans; also unimproved land, good soil and situation, at $10 per acre. J. H. Whittome, Agent, Duncans, V. I.

FOR SALE—Two or three of the most desirable building lots in city, with a front age of 112 feet on the Dallas Road. Address A. C. West, Adelphi Building.

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FOURTEEN-ROOM MODERN HOUSE—Bella Vista, No. 54 Humboldt street, for rent to approved tenant; favorable lease; moderate terms. Inquire E. M. Johnson, Broughton street. o10

TO LET—Furnished cottage, five rooms; bath room and pantry; with hot and cold water. 8 Avalon road, Beacon Hill. o10

FOR RENT—Snug cottage, at Shoal Bay, near Shotbolt's. Apply to Wm. Greyson, on premises. o8

TO LET—Housekeeping rooms; private house; central. J. D., Colonist office. o8

TO LET—Furnished cottage, four rooms, $6 per month; two six-roomed houses, $5 per month; one six-roomed cottage on Fernwood road, on two lots, stable, $8 per month. Apply 9 Centre road, Spring Ridge. o8

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ROOM—With or without board, for two gentlemen. Apply at 138 Blanchard street, city. Housekeeping rooms.

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LOST OR FOUND.

FOUND—Fox terrier. Owner can have same by calling at the International, 40 Johnson st., and paying for ad. o10

FOUND—On the Gorge road, past the Victoria Gardens, lady's cape trimmed with fur. Owner can have same from Mrs. Wm. Kaye, Gorge road, on paying expenses. o8

LOST—A black and white sleigh dog, weighs about 75 lbs., long tail, both eyes in black. Finder please return at once to Soln, Mount Baker Hotel, Oak Bay, and collect charges, or thorough search will be made.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE EVERGREEN CLUB hold their first dance at Harmony hall to-night. Members are earnestly requested to be in attendance. A. C. Beech, secretary. o10

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Mrs. Dickinson will resume her children's dancing class Saturday, Oct. 7, at 2:30 p.m., at the A. O. U. W. Hall, upstairs. Private classes formed.

THE CLASSES in Battenberg, honiton and point lace will be resumed Sept. 1st. Apply 122 Chatham street.

NOTICE.

All orders for supplies for the Citizens' Ball to the Navy must be signed by the Mayor and Ald. Hayward, chairman of the finance, and the committee will not be responsible for any debts contracted without such order.

CHAS. E. REDFERN.
CHAS. HAYWARD.

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VICTORIA MACHINERY DEPOT CO., Ltd., (late Spratt & Gray)—Engineers, founders, supplies, etc., 17 and 19 Work street. Telephone 570.

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VICTORIA TRUCK & DRAY CO.—Telephone 13.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES — R. Maynard, 41 Pandora street.—All kinds of photographic material for amateurs and professionals; Kodaks, Pocoes, Koronas, Primos, etc. Same block Mrs. R. Maynard's Art Studio; also views of British Columbia and Alaska for sale.
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SCAVENGERS.
ED. LINES, General Scavenger, 236 Yates street—Yards, etc., cleaned. Orders left at Speed Bros., cor. Douglas and Fort streets; Schroeder Bros., corner Michigan and Menzies will be promptly attended to.
PETER HANSEN, city scavenger, teamster and wood dealer. Building sand and gravel for sale. Address, 49 Discovery street. Telephone 184.

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BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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SONS OF ENGLAND—Alexandra Lodge, A.O.U.W. hall, 2nd and 4th Thursday. J. G. Taylor, secretary.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Woman's Auxiliary.—To-day the regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Royal Jubilee hospital will meet at 2.15 p.m. at the Driard hotel. All members are cordially invited to attend.

Battalion Drill.—There will be battalion drill for all excepting staff and band at the drill hall this evening. In anticipation of General Hutton's arrival on the 21st instant it is earnestly hoped that a large attendance will be present.

B. Y. P. U. Meeting.—The B. Y. P. U. of Calvary Baptist church held their regular monthly missionary meeting last evening. A very interesting and profitable time was spent. The subject of the meeting was, "The New Testament Basis of Missions."

A Good Sale.—Auctioneer Hardaker wielded the baton at the sale of accumulated and uncalled for goods held at the customs house at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The sale was well patronized and among other things disposed of were 826 cases of liquor, being part of the steamer Mananensis' cargo, brought out from England. Several bicycles of English make went for $26 and $27 each.

Rugby Football.—At a committee meeting of the Victoria Rugby Football Club held yesterday evening, it was decided not to choose the team to represent Victoria against the Navy till Thursday evening. This step was agreed on in view of there having been so little practice this season that several members have been unable to turn out at all, so those members are now given a further chance to show their worth, by doing their level best to come to every practice before Thursday. There will be practice every evening this week at Caledonia park, commencing at 5 p.m.

For a New Gymnasium.—This evening in Semple's hall, Victoria West, a concert will be given under the auspices of the Victoria West Athletic Association, the proceeds to be used in the building of a gymnasium. An excellent programme has been prepared. Among those who have kindly consented to assist are Misses Underhill, Wilson, Andrews and Messrs. J. G. Brown Geo. Watson, F. Richardson, Etherton, King, Fowler and the Cave brothers. The concert will conclude with the comic farce, "The Haunted Hotel."

Arrangements Complete. — Arrangements are just about complete for the citizens' ball to Admiral Beaumont and the officers of H. M. fleet, which is to take place in Assembly hall on Friday evening. Every detail is being attended to and an effort will be made to surpass all previous affairs of the kind in every way. The decoration committee have started their work and before Friday will have worked some wonderful changes in the appearance of the hall. It is expected that some of the officers of H. I. G. M. S. Geier will come over from Vancouver for the affair, which will add interest to it. The cars will be kept running until after the ball, giving all an opportunity to get home with comfort.

A Good Show.—Messrs. Jackson & McDonald, the proprietors of the Savoy theatre, are to be congratulated upon the excellent bill they presented to their patrons last evening. The programme opens with another of John A. Flynn's extravaganzas, which introduces fourteen people. During the action of the peice several pretty marches and dances elicited the warmest applause. Charles and Mae Morell made their initial bow in this house and presented a very clever skit. Dodson still remains a favorite, and as this is his last week all should avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing him. Armeldo, the wonderful hand-balancer, also closes his engagement this week, and introduces some new and startling feats.

Business Change.—Mr. S. Schoen, who for many years has so successfully conducted the grocery business at the corner of Douglas and Discovery streets, has disposed of his interests to Messrs. Johns Bros., who intend continuing under the name of the Pacific Grocery Co., as a branch of their already large concern. Mr. Schoen, who has been a resident of Victoria for over fifteen years, has by dint of strict application to business built up a very large run of custom and has now resolved to retire from active business life, having many investments in mining and other ventures, to which he will devote more attention. Mr. Schoen's successors are sufficiently well known to guarantee that the business will be continued on the same correct lines as those pursued by their predecessor.

A Maniac Murderer.—Among those coming down from the North by the Cottage City and disembarking here yesterday was Arthur G. Goddard, who killed James G. Praeter near Dawson in June of this year. He was of course in custody, being accompanied by his father, H. J. Goddard, and Constable Jealows of the N. W. M. P., who is entrusted with his safe delivery to the asylum at New Westminster. Arthur Goddard was unquestionably insane when he killed Praeter, both murder and victim being mining partners with R. N. Hoyt, of Skagway. Goddard had received serious injuries to his head while quite a young boy, trepanning of the skull being necessitated. As he grew to manhood his strange actions at times provoked remark, but he was at no time supposed to be dangerous. The murder mania finally awoke within him. He seized an axe and killed his sleeping partner. Then, his passion satisfied at the sight of blood, he sought the police and reported to them his awful deed. Constable and prisoner are now at the Occidental hotel here; they will go up to the Royal City to-day.

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A MILITARY TRAGEDY.

Details of Fatal Encounter Between French Expeditions in Africa.

From the London Times.

The Colonial Minister on Tuesday received a report from Lieutenant Cornu, chief of the post of Dosso, to the east of Say, on the events that led to the murder of Col. Klobb, Lieut. Meunier, and five men of the column sent in search of Capt. Voulet's mission. Lieutenant Cornu reports that while making a tour of inspection of the territory under his charge he came across, on August 3, at Garu, one sergeant, two corporals, twenty-nine sharpshooters, and two spahis belonging to the Klobb mission. Seven of the men were wounded. The sergeant in charge of this detachment declared to Lieutenant Cornu that the mission had been received by the Voulet mission with a volley that killed Colonel Klobb, Lieutenant Meunier, four sharpshooters and one spahi, and that the column had fallen back upon a French post. It appears that the Klobb mission reached the village of Damagarra, a little to the west of Sinder, on July 10. There the Colonel learned that the Voulet mission, of which he had been sent to take the command, was a short distance ahead of him, and he at once sent a message to Captain Voulet. The four sharpshooters sent with this message came up with the Voulet mission on the evening of the 12th, and delivered their letter. On the morning of the 13th Captain Voulet handed to the head sharpshooter a letter for Colonel Klobb, at the same time saying: "Tell the Colonel that there is no water here, and that I am going to the next village, where there is some." The men returned to the Klobb mission the same day. As soon as Colonel Klobb had read the communication received from Captain Voulet he conferred with Lieutenant Meunier, and then sent back the same men with a new message for Captain Voulet, who received this message at 6 o'clock in the evening of July 13. After reading it he called his native sub-officers together and informed them that the Colonel was coming to liberate all the captives that he, the Captain, had taken, and asked them whether they would consent to obey the Colonel, or would receive him with a volley. They replied that they would obey the Captain, whatever he ordered them to do. The non-commissioned officers then returned to their quarters, and told their men to get ready to fire upon the approaching column if they received the Captain's order. Captain Voulet at once prepared his second reply to Colonel Klobb, and in handing it to the sharpshooter said to him: "Tell the Colonel that if he tries to join my column I shall attack him."

On the morning of the 14th the Klobb column started for Damangara. At 7 o'clock a native cavalryman delivered a letter to the Colonel, who at once called Lieutenant Meunier and said to him: "Just look at this; Captain Voulet wants to attack us!" The Lieutenant replied by asking an authorization to return the fire. The Colonel, however, formally forbade any firing, and this order was given to the troops. At 8 o'clock the two columns came in sight of each other, and stopped within a distance of about 150 yards. The Voulet force comprised five or six sections of the main column, which it had quitted in taking a crescent. Captain Voulet was in command, and was the only European officer present. He cried out to Colonel Klobb that he recognized him, that there was no mistake, but he summoned him to stop or he would open fire. The Colonel replied that he would advance, but not order firing under any circumstances. He repeated this order to his soldiers. Captain Voulet then formed his troops in line and gave the order for three volleys, and afterwards to fire at will. At the first discharge Colonel Klobb was wounded in the hip, and Lieutenant Meunier in the side. The latter died almost immediately. A native sergeant asked permission from the Colonel to return the fire, but the Colonel refused and ordered the last survivors to return back and report what had happened. At the second discharge the Colonel was killed by a ball in the head. Some of the soldiers and carriers were also killed or wounded. Seeing the Voulet soldiers fix bayonets, the survivors retreated to the brushwood, and on the 3rd of August were met at Garu by Lieutenant Cornu, and conducted to his post on the following day.

With Lieutenant Cornu's report is a copy of the letter addressed by Captain Voulet to Colonel Klobb; the original document, having been sent by another route, will reach Paris in a few days. Captain Voulet's letter is as follows:

"Colonel, before even forwarding me a copy of the orders by which you say you take command of the mission, you send me two minatory letters, written in almost rude terms. This is a proof of the ungenerous sentiments you entertain for me. You are certainly aware of the infamous act you commit against me in thus coming, prompted by an unbridled ambition, to steal the fruits of my efforts, but you have made a mistake in supposing that I shall calmly accept such a dethronement. Consequently I have the honor to notify you—(1) that I retain command of the mission; (2) that I have 600 rifles; (3) that I shall treat you as an enemy if you continue your advance; (4) that all my men have been consulted on the question of accepting the situation you wish to offer us, and all have decided to follow me in the course I have above indicated; (5) finally, that I have resolved in the present circumstances to sacrifice my life rather than submit to the humiliation that you are ordered to impose upon me, and also that I prefer to risk all, and especially that I do not intend by a stupid suicide to leave the place clear for an intriguer of your character. You will do what you wish, but from the moment you receive this letter remember that if you advance you expose yourself to the eventualities I have indicated in this letter."

From information received at Paris it appears that the Voulet mission, which started from Sansanne Hausa, 120 kilometres beyond Say, on January 2 of this year, had first of all tried to reach Lake Chad by a route that passed round to the north of the English possessions of Sokoto. But on account of a scarcity of water it was obliged to abandon this route, and on January 18 it returned to the Niger, after having reached the Village of Zoa, 230 kilometres to the east of this river. The mission descended the left bank of the Niger to the height of the Ballol Mauri, the intersecting line which marks the limits of the English and French possessions. On February 20 the mission remounted the right side of this depression in order to be able, in conformity with its instructions, to continue its march towards Lake Chad, in turning the Sokoto frontier. During March and April the mission made short marches, and on April 30 it was only at Falakari, 150 kilometres from the Niger. But from that moment, owing to the decision come to at Paris, on account of the complaints made by Lieutenant Peteau, the order of march was entirely changed. The column struck out to the east, following a caravan route which crosses the English territories, and this was against the formal orders of the French government. This change was made by Captain Voulet because the Klobb mission was advancing rapidly to rejoin him. Starting from Kayes on April 25, Colonel Klobb rejoined Lieutenant Meunier at Say, and on June 10 the officers, accompanied by about fifty men, marched directly eastwards. After having been at Dosso on June 15 and 16, they arrived at Falakari six days later. This mission also entered the English territory in order to reach its destination more quickly, and it was on July 18, after having returned to French territory, that it met the Voulet mission at the Damengara frontier.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Interesting Address by Mr. Dennison of the Meteorological Department.

A well attended meeting of the Natural History Society was held last night in the society's rooms in the Mineral Museum. Many interesting geological specimens, relics of a bygone past, were donated by various members. However, the principal feature of the evening was an exceedingly able lecture given by Mr. Napier Dennison, of the meteorological department, on "Atmospheric Waves and Tidal Phenomenon." The lecture was listened to by the large number of members present, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker at the conclusion of his speech. The Natural History Society has a large and ever increasing membership, and is doing very good work in attracting the attention of the scientific world and the public in general to the vast and comparatively unexplored field for research in this province. The object of the society is to exploit this field as far as possible, in order that that most valuable institution, the Provincial Museum, may reap the benefit. This is an object that should be dear to the hearts of all British Columbians.

Whiskey Released.—Mr. H. C. Macaulay, writing from Dawson, reports all liquors held under seizure by the government, now released, and the market in consequence much overstocked.

PORTUGAL'S ATTITUDE.

Two Geographers Entrusted With State Secret Which They Give Out.

London, Oct. 9.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail reports a conversation with two prominent delegates from Portugal to the Geographical congress, both of whom declare that Portugal is bound by a secret but formal offensive alliance with England not to interfere in any way with the Transvaal affairs and that therefore she will remain neutral.

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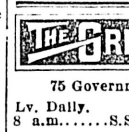
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THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The News-Advertiser very jubilantly accepts the action of the Conservative convention as an endorsation of the policy of the local government. It dissents from the suggestion that provincial politics ought to be run on federal party lines, because it thinks that for the present government to accept such a view would be to commit "the happy despatch." As the "despatch," happy or otherwise, is inevitable, this leaves Mr. Cotton available as the choice of the committee appointed to select some one for the leadership of the Conservatives in local politics. He would not find it at all difficult to pose as a member of a non-partizan government and as the leader of a Conservative local organization. A trifle of inconsistency more or less would not trouble Mr. Cotton at all. The situation which the convention has introduced into local politics is a pretty one. The declaration for party lines made last year was chiefly intended as a protest against the action of the Lieutenant-Governor in ousting Mr. Turner and installing a government composed of men committed to something closely resembling Socialism. It was intended to counteract the conduct of the Lieutenant-Governor. A year has passed and we find this same convention passing such a platform that the government against whom their action was directed can with justice claim it as their own. May we ask those gentlemen who used to complain that the Colonist was not half severe enough in denouncing the policy of the Semlin-Cotton government, how they justify what they have done?

The party lines movement was wholly uncalled for. Nothing in the condition of the province rendered it necessary. The only argument ever made for it was that there was no organized opposition. May we ask what is the necessity for an organized opposition to fight a battle on party lines favored by the government? May we also ask how much the gentlemen who have complained so loudly as to the lack of organized opposition have contributed to the existence of any opposition at all? What were they doing last year when the battle was fought between the Socialistic combination led by Messrs. Semlin, Cotton and Martin and the party led by Mr. Turner? Where were they when the Lieutenant-Governor put such a strain upon constitutional government and Mr. Semlin set its principles absolutely at defiance by declining to accept the responsibility of the Lieutenant-Governor's act? If the principles, which according to the New Westminster convention are to be recognized as those which are to prevail in provincial politics, are acted on we can see no use of any opposition at all; no use in fact of party lines or anything else of a local nature, and we may as well decide once and for all that our local arena is simply a field whereon the battles between Conservatives and Liberals shall be fought out upon federal lines and for federal purposes. The Colonist believes in saying distinctly what it means, and it desires to be understood as claiming that no more mischievous set of declarations were ever placed before the public than those contained in the local platform propounded at the late convention. Some of the planks are well enough, though they are out of place in a platform of a party; but one of them, that which professes to see a strife between capital and labor in this province, is utterly unpatriotic and harmful. We deny that such a conflict exists and defy any one to prove that it does. All over this province except in one small portion of it where, through the ill-judged action of the Semlin government in passing the eight-hour law without notice or consultation with all persons concerned, an unfortunate condition of things has arisen, there is the utmost harmony between employers and employed. A little local friction may occur from time to time but it is always easily removed. As far as the eight-hour law is concerned, there is not room for the shadow of a doubt that if this measure had been made a subject of public discussion before it was introduced into the house, if the mine owners and the representatives of the miners had been allowed to consult about it, a conclusion fully satisfactory to both parties would have been reached. Apart from this there is nothing in the province that can be called a conflict between capital and labor, and it is an abominable thing that a convention calling itself Conservative should avow the existence of such a conflict. Such an avowal from a convention claiming to be representative of the dominant political party in this province can only be productive of mischief. It will quarantine this province against investment, for it means that, if the principles influencing the convention have full sway, we are on the eve of a period of experimental legislation in the direction of Socialism. If that is not what the avowal means, then it has no meaning whatever.

We decline to believe that the majority of the Conservatives of this province will allow themselves to be led into Socialism by their self-constituted leaders. We are fully satisfied that the present provincial opposition will not cease in its labors as a united and harmonious party to advance the cause of better government.

The first fruit of the party line movement has shown its indefensible character and the entire absence of any necessity for it. In view of it the course of those who hope to secure better government is clear. It is to reject wholly the right of the convention to bind them to any course of action whatever, and to work more earnestly than ever to the accomplishment of the object for which they have been striving during the past year. We do not lose sight of the fact that the vast majority of the voters of this province do not recognize that any convention, no matter what it calls itself, has a right to bind them to anything whatever, and we are sure that they will vote according to their best judgment at all times. In this lies the safety of British Columbia. We do not think the action taken at New Westminster will in any way affect the standing of parties in the house, and when the inevitable defeat of the Semlin-Cotton government comes, we have every confidence that the Lieutenant-Governor in selecting a new premier will choose a man who will appeal to the people as a British Columbian, with no other object than to secure a legislature that will support a government pledged to nothing except the promotion of the best interests of British Columbia. We have also the fullest confidence that if this is done, the people of the province will rally to the support of such a government. Politicians may resolve as they like in convention, but the solid common sense of the people will in the end prevail.

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCES.

The disappearance of Mr. Duncanson, which has created such a sad interest, is not the only affair of the kind. The two cases mentioned hereafter, which occurred in New Brunswick, show how men may drop out of sight in ways that cannot be explained. About thirty years ago a young Englishman named Becket arrived in that province with letters of introduction to the manager of the N. B. & N. S. Land Company, and that officer sent him out to a settlement called Stanley with letters to two prominent farmers. The object of his visit to Stanley was to make inquiries as to available farms for sale. He called early one afternoon upon one of the persons to whom he had a letter, and after a pleasant conversation asked to be shown where the other farmer lived. He was shown the house, which was separated from the place where he then was by a wooded valley not more than a mile wide. The farmer with whom he was talking offered to show him the way, but he declined, saying that he was quite used to finding his way through the woods, and no one could go astray in such a place. Bidding his new friend good-bye and promising to see him again on business in the course of a day or two, he started to cross the valley. He was never seen alive again. Search was instituted for him the next day, his failure to arrive at the second farmer's house having become known. It was continued for weeks. The Land Company sent out its best woodsmen; money was sent from England to pay for further search, but not the slightest trace of him could be found. Two or three years afterwards some one found the skeleton of a man, with his gun beside him, lying under a log. The gun and the other articles found by the skeleton showed that it was all that was left of Becket. The skeleton was perfect, except that one of the knee-caps was lying out of place. The gun had not been discharged.

The other case was that of a well-known lumberman and experienced woodsman named Baker. It occurred about fifty years ago. Baker was coming down the Right Hand Branch of the Tobique river in company with an Indian. When they reached the falls in the river, Baker got out of the canoe to walk around, the Indian running the craft over. The distance around is not more than a quarter of a mile. There is a well-marked path, wide enough for a horse-sled in winter. It is separated from the river simply by a fringe of trees and bushes and immediately from its inner side a sharp hill rises, up which no one can walk without some effort. The Indian having run the canoe over the falls, waited for Baker, and on his not appearing after a few minutes, started up the path to find him, but he was nowhere to be seen. He called to him, but received no answer. He searched the lower part of the hillside in every direction, but could find no trace of him. He then hurried to the nearest point where white people could be found, and a search party was organized. The search continued for days, but not the slightest sign of the missing man was ever found, and his fate is an absolute mystery.

There are of course many other cases of complete disappearances in the forest, but these two are notable, the first because it shows that a man may die and leave no sign that can be discovered for years in a small wood in the heart of a settlement, and the other as indicating that no supposition is too extraordinary to account for such a disappearance. The only possible theory in Baker's case, except that the Indian was not telling the truth—and there was no reason to suggest this, as the men were good friends and there was no motive for the crime—was that Baker had suddenly become bereft of his senses and had hidden with the ingenuity of a crazy man from his searchers, only to die at last. That he could have hidden for the purpose of absconding from the country was impossible, for there was no way in which he could escape.

CANADIANS WHO HAVE SEEN SERVICE.

Commenting upon the proposal of the Military Gazette that, if a Canadian contingent is raised to go to South Africa, the command shall be given to Col. Herbert, formerly commanding the Canadian Militia, the Toronto Globe gives the following splendid record of Canadians who have served under their flag with credit to themselves and honor to the Empire:

A certain young Canadian army officer named Stairs did some things in Central Africa which would indicate that he was a leader of men. The late Captain Cooke was one of the picked band of men sent to Uganda. Captain Mackay won the D. S. O., and was ruling a huge territory in East Africa when the fever smote him. Captain Robinson's name still lives in West Africa, though it is seven years since he perished while acting "with conspicuous bravery," in the words of the official record. These are the dead. What about the living? An officer named Girouard is a person of some importance in Egypt. Lord Kitchener has twice mentioned in his despatches Captain H. C. Smith, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, now in the Egyptian army. Captain E. V. O. Hewitt, Royal West Kent Regiment, was mentioned in despatches for good work on the northwest frontier of India, was superintendent of army signalling in the 1st Brigade, Malakand Field Force, and filled the post of divisional superintendent in two subsequent border expeditions. Captain Lang, R. E., was the youngest C. M. G. on record when he earned that distinction in West Africa. Captain Campbell won the D. S. O. in the expedition against Nana on the west coast of Africa, and is one of the Niger Coast Protectorate's picked men. Captains Duff, R. E., and Nanton, R.E., built the famous Chakdara and Malakand forts. Lieutenant Dobell, of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, will be made a brevet-major as soon as he attains his captaincy, on account of good work in Crete. Captain Henecker, Connaught Rangers, is with the Niger Coast Protectorate forces. Captain Skinner, South Staffordshire Regiment, has seen war on the Indian frontier, and has passed the Staff College. Captain Taylor, Cheshire Regiment, has passed the Staff College, and has a staff appointment at the great musketry school of India. Captain Wise, who was wounded at Fish Creek, has passed the Staff College. Captain Sears, South Staffordshire Regiment, fought in our Northwest, and has served with the Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry.

This is a most interesting list and will give most readers some information of which they have not hitherto been in possession. There is no reason why Canadians should not win fame on the battlefield. There is plenty of the best fighting blood in them.

A correspondent of one of the United States newspaper syndicates says John Bull is a kind-hearted, energetic old gentleman, who likes nothing better than lifting the white man's burden. As the burden aforesaid consists in the dominion over upwards of 414,000,000 people, most of them not white, it must be conceded that John has quite a lead to carry. But he seems to handle it easily enough.

The Montreal Gazette thinks that the presence of Major Sutherland in the cabinet will have a moral effect in the direction of the professions of the old-time Liberals. Moral effects of this kind are not usually conspicuous.

Ex-President Harrison is quoted as decrying arbitration because he lost the case for Venezuela. As Mr. Harrison asks a fee of $250,000 for his services and expects to have to call upon the United States to collect the bill for him, there is no room for wonder that he feels sore over losing.

A Skagway correspondent grows very indignant at the Colonist for opposing the eight-hour law. Will he kindly point out when the Colonist did anything of the kind? What the Colonist has done has been to condemn the passage of such a law without debate or notice to those interested.

One of the scientific men who accompanied Walter Wellman on his trip to the north, has expressed the opinion that the Aurora Borealis can be harnessed and made to do duty as a source of electrical power. He says that experiments made with cheap and imperfect instruments demonstrate that a current of electricity runs constantly between the Poles, and he believes it can be caught on the way and made to do work for mankind.

Commenting upon the Colonist's exposure of Mr. Cotton's duplicity and gross misrepresentation in regard to the passage of the eight-hour law through the legislature, the Nelson Miner says: "We can watch public men who are under suspicion, it is true, but the man who would be guilty of such audacious falsifying as this should be put where watching would be unnecessary." However true this may be, certainly his proper place is not in the federal treasury.

The Montreal Star thinks the accident to the Scotsman casts upon the government the duty of taking immediate steps to see that every danger point on routes leading from the ocean to Montreal are properly indicated and advertised, and that if the Strait of Belle Isle is dangerous it ought to be at once abandoned. There is much in this. Every one in Canada would regret to see anything happen that would interfere with the development of the ocean commerce of Montreal.

In view of the extraordinary preparations for war which are being made by Great Britain, it seems hopeless to expect peace. Even if the Transvaal yields now to pressure, is it supposable that an indemnity will not be demanded, and if it is, does any one think that it will be paid without the employment of force to collect it? We regret to feel forced to the conclusion that hostilities are inevitable. There may be further delay until Great Britain is ready to advance in such force as will render opposition useless, but that the status quo ante the negotiations can be restored seems impossible.

A very interesting legal question is involved in the conviction of the Union Colliery Company for manslaughter in connection with the Trent bridge accident. It is as to whether an indictment will lie against a corporation for manslaughter. Doubtless the responsible officers of a corporation may be so prosecuted, but it is open to doubt if the corporation as such can be. The distinction is important, for the reason, among others, that evidence which might be sufficient to bring negligence home to a corporation might not be sufficient to bring it home to the directors personally. Doubtless this point will be fully dealt with on appeal.

Moncton, N. B., is a city of about 10,000 people and has about as much politics to the square inch as any place in the Dominion. It has always been a great Conservative stronghold, and for all we know is so now; but this did not prevent the people from giving the Minister of Railways a non-partizan banquet a few days ago, which the Montreal Gazette pronounces a great success. A very large number of Conservatives attended. As was proper, the speeches were non-political. Mr. Blair made the interesting statement that in the near future the grain traffic from the interior of Canada would give the Canadian Pacific, the Grand Trunk and the Intercolonial all the business they can handle. There is little doubt the Minister is right in this.

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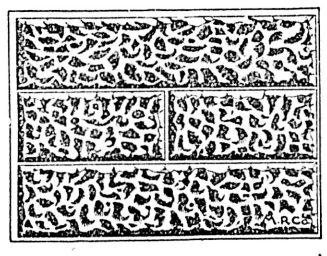

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Once More Westminster.—The Westminsters, by defeating the representatives of the Toronto lacrosse team for a third time at Vancouver last Saturday, became champions of Western Canada. It is perhaps but justice to the Ontario champions to say that they had but four of their seniors in the team taking the Western trip.

A Moose For Seattle's Park—On board the Cottage City when she called from the North yesterday was a young moose of three months, ungainly as a week-old calf, but docile as a lamb. Henry Hyde, of Dawson, had got his mooseship on Hunker creek, near the Dome, and is taking him to Seattle for presentation to the park of that city.

Borne to the Grave.—The many friends of the late Orlando Warner paid the last tributes of respect to his memory yesterday, when the funeral took place from the family residence on Alton street and from St. Saviour's church. Rev. W. D. Barber officiated there and at the graveside, the pall-bearers being Messrs. Bullen, Bushby, Nesbit, Smith, Kermode and Meldram.

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Must Take an Assize Trial.—Despite the expressed desire of his father that the prosecution be abandoned, Fred. Stoddart was yesterday committed from the city police court for trial in the assize court, where he elected to be heard at 2:30 this afternoon. It is expected that Stoddart will plead guilty, as the case against him is practically conclusive. He was first noticed by a special constable inside his father's store, and removing something from one of the show-cases. Then the special, with Constable Walker, caught him on the roof, just as he emerged from the skylight by which he had entered. Two or three watch chains and a couple of bracelets were found in his possession. The only interesting development of the preliminary hearing yesterday arose during the examination of the father, S. A. Stoddart, the son expressing a desire to cross-examine as to whether or not his sworn testimony was worthy of credence. Fred. Stoddart will be well remembered here by reason of his intimate association with the charge laid against Mr. W. H. Peacock not many months ago.

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Annual Ball.—The committee appointed by the Sons and Daughters of St. George to arrange for the annual masquerade ball have decided to hold it on November 1 this year.

A Correction.—In alluding in Sunday's issue to the Lenora mine at Mount Sicker, the Colonist erroneously stated that the cost of landing the ore at the Tacoma smelter was $19 per ton. The figures should have been $14 per ton.

Anniversary Services.—The congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, will celebrate the eighth anniversary of the foundation of their church with special services next Sunday, Right Rev. Bishop Cridge preaching in the morning and Rev. Dr. Campbell in the evening. The anniversary social will be on Monday evening following.

Good Music Appreciated.—Fully six hundred Victorians took advantage of Sunday's excursion to visit Duncan and intermediate points on the E. & N. line, the great attraction of the outing being the concert by the new Victoria theatre orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Sam W. Driscoll. The band of the Fifth regiment was also in evidence, with an excellent promenade concert programme, while those who were so minded had several hours available for hunting or fishing—large bags of birds, two or three fine bucks, and a number of satisfactory strings of trout on the homeward run testifying to the success of some at least. Those who find keen enjoyment in the snaring of the wily trout will have to make the most of the opportunities—the season is now nearing its end and soon trout fishing will have gone until the spring of 1900.

AT THE THEATRE.

"Yon Yonson" at the Victoria This Evening—"Black Sheep" to Follow.

Easily the best of all the Swedish dialect plays that the public has seen is the favorite comedy-drama, "Yon Yonson," which comes to the Victoria theatre tonight under the direction of Thall & Kennedy. The story of the play is a good one, well knit together, and is well told. Amos Jennings appropriates a patent belonging to his dead partner, and adopts his daughter, setting her brother adrift among a Swedish community in a sparsely settled portion of Minnesota. The boy grew up in ignorance of his birth. Time goes on and Jennings takes a new partner, George Holloway. Holloway knows all about the patent transaction, and using that as a lever, forces Jennings into a land scheme, by means of which he intends to swindle an English tourist. Jennings takes the Englishman to see the land and there supposes that he has murdered him. Holloway accuses Jennings of the crime, but the Englishman turns up, and in the end marries Jennings' adopted daughter, and "Yon Yonson," the hero of the play, turns out to be her brother. There are three acts in the play, and the great scene, the "Log Jam," at the end of the second act, is said to be one of the best effects ever produced upon the stage. The management has given to "Yon Yonson" a most excellent company, headed by Arthur Donaldsen and including such well-known people as Annie Mack Berlein, Beatrice Norman, Grace Hazard, Edith Hall, E. J. Mack, E. Guy Spangler and the Lumbermen's Quartette, one of the best singing quartettes upon the stage.

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Mr. Charles Hoyt is easily the foremost author and producer of farce-comedies of the present day. His successful plays now before the public are so numerous that there is scarcely a theatre-goer who has not laughed himself hoarse many times over at his humorous productions. Hoyt's name stands as a guarantee of all that is foremost and first-class in farce-comedy. Next Thursday evening, at the Victoria theatre, his enormous success, "A Black Sheep," will be presented for the first time in this city, and that its first bleating here will be witnessed by an audience that will test the capacity of the theatre goes without saying. "A Black Sheep" comes heralded as being the brightest, funniest and most amusing of all the Hoytian comedies, and is presented by the very strongest and best company ever put together by this astute and popular playwright, headed by William Devere, who will be seen in his great creation of Goodfellow Gunning, editor of the Tombstone Inscription. This part was originally written for Mr. Devere by Mr. Hoyt, and it is said to be one of the cleverest bits of character-drawing ever seen on the comedy stage. Other unique characters in the piece are: Hot Stuff, the black sheep; Underdog, Hot Stuff's partner; the pretty Queen of Burlesque, the Arizona Sheriff, the Theatrical Manager, the up-to-date Bartender, the Tenderfoot and the ex-Football Player, Count Smaltaulk, and a bevy of the prettiest girls ever seen in a farce-comedy.

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E. A. Morris, Government street tobacconist was found guilty yesterday by a jury of keeping a gaming house." This is in the words of the statute words which are rather formidable for the offence with which Mr. Morris was charged, viz., operating a nickel-in-the-slot machine. Mr. Justice Walkem withheld his judgment as to the penalty, pending an argument on points reserved by Mr. Peters for the defence.

When the assize court assembled in the morning the case of Regina v. Armour, seduction, was called, but the defendant being absent, the Morris case came up. Armour arrived a few minutes later.

The jury selected to try the Morris case consisted of Thomas Durham (foreman), Thomas J. Dearberg, Wm. A. Jones, Nicholas Oliver, Thomas Cliff, George C. Gowen, James Kee, George Tite, C. A. Goodwin, R. G. Sinclair, Andrew Sheret, and Robert Harris. Mr. A. L. Belyea appeared for the crown and Mr. Fred Peters, Q.C., for the defence.

In opening Mr. Belyea explained that it was practically a test case. The police had ordered the machines out of the saloons and cigar stores; Mr. Morris had not complied with the order and had been indicted. They simply wished to know whether the machines could legally be played.

Detective Perdue was the first witness called. After telling of the seizure of the machines, he took one of them apart and showed that it contained but 50 cards, two short of a pack. The missing cards were the jack of hearts and ten of clubs. These being out, of course reduced the player's chance of winning, the detective explaining the combinations that would be spoiled. For example, in an ordinary pack of cards there were four flushes. On the machine produced there were but two. Mr. Perdue was going fully into the chances in the game when Mr. Peters remarked, "I guess we will have to have an actuary here."

His Lordship—"He would probably not tell us anything more about straights than you know."

There was another thing about the machine that the witness considered unfair, that being the manner of the distribution of the cards on the rollers. On one roller there was but one heart, which made it very difficult to get a heart flush.

Under cross-examination, Mr. Perdue said until the time the machines were ordered out by the police the play was carried on openly and in a quiet, orderly manner. He believed all machines of the kind only had 50 cards in them.

A couple of witnesses were called to prove that the machines were played in Mr. Morris' store, and Mr. Belyea having read the evidence given by Mr. Morris in the police court, closed his case.

Mr. Peters spoke at some length pointing out that Mr. Morris was charged with conducting a common and disorderly gaming house according to the indictment and not with operating slot machines. Common sense would tell the jury that the defendant did not keep a common gaming house, such as were run in other places in the city. People did not resort to his store for the purpose of gambling; they went there to buy cigars. If the cigar store was simply a blind for a gaming house it would be one thing, but where the store was bona fide and the machines auxiliary, it was not unlawful. The jury were not to decide whether the game was fair or unfair. If they had to be would soon prove that it was fair as Mr. Morris gave odds, betting two or more cigars against a nickel on certain hands. It had also been shown that the profit on goods sold through the machine was the same as the profit on goods sold over the counter.

The court adjourned at 12:45 until 2:15, but one of the jurymen, Mr. Dearberg, being ill at the latter hour the court was further adjourned for an hour.

On re-assembling Mr. Belyea addressed the jury, contending that the game was practically one of draw poker, and he added "if any man played poker with a pack two cards short, there would be trouble." As to the distribution of the cards on the rollers, he had found that on the first roller there were 3 spades, 3 diamonds, 1 heart and 3 clubs; on the second 4 spades, 2 diamonds, 1 heart and 3 clubs; on the third, 3 spades, 1 diamond, 3 hearts, and 3 clubs; on the fourth, no spades, 3 diamonds, 4 hearts and 3 clubs; and on the fifth, 2 spades, 4 diamonds, 3 hearts and 1 club. This, he said, was not fair, as could be seen, for in the first place it was impossible to get a spade flush.

Mr. Justice Walkem, in summing up, held that the machine was practically the banker for the owner and could be manipulated by him.

Mr. Peters asked His Lordship to put a number of questions to the jury, which he declined to do.

After being out half an hour the jury brought in a verdict of guilty.

REG. VS. UNION COLLIERY CO.

At the afternoon session of the court Mr. Justice Walkem imposed a fine of $5,000 on the Union Colliery Company, whom the jury had found guilty of criminal negligence in connection with the Trent river bridge disaster. In delivering judgment His Lordship said: "The legislature would not have passed this new regulation or enactment if it was not to provide against such an occurrence as actually took place on this bridge. Six lives were lost in the accident, and it becomes a very serious matter. If one life had been lost it would have been serious, but here it was multiplied by six, and therefore became more serious. If thirty or one hundred lives had been lost it would have been a calamity about which the world would have heard a great deal. It was naturally in the interest of the company to keep their bridge in repair so that it would not be destroyed, and so that they would not meet with the loss that they naturally will meet with, speaking from the pecuniary point of view of the destruction of the structure. Having considered all the circumstances and without mentioning other matters which may come up by and bye, I have concluded that the least I can do will be to impose a fine of $5,000."

FOR TO-DAY.

The Armour case will come on this morning, to be followed by the Stoddart case, and later by the Nichol case.

Nothing to Report.—If the police are making any progress in solving the mysteries connected with the Indian reserve and Powers murders, they are silent as to their measure of success. "Nothing to report" is their reply to all interrogation. The two suspicious strangers reported from Colwood on Friday were promptly apprehended further up the line, but proved to be in no way identified with the cases now engaging public attention. They were deserters from the Royal Navy, and were handed over to their captain, on H. M. S. Phaeton. With regard to the Powers case, which is the more likely to be solved of the two, the police are inclined to find a motive in jealousy; and meet the suggestion that important facts were withheld from the coroner's inquest with the admission that this was so—and that it was purposely so in the interests of justice. The funeral of the late saloon man so tragically slain took place on Sunday afternoon, when the Licensed Vintners attended in a body, together with very many friends and acquaintances of the deceased. The pall-bearers were Messrs. O'Leary, Johnston, Allan, Eickhoff, Leeson and Setterford, while Rev. W. Leslie Clay officiated at Hayward's parlors and at the graveside. In the course of a brief address at the cemetery, the reverend gentleman expressed the hope that all members of the community would do their utmost in assisting the police to bring the assailants of the dead man to the bar of justice. Mr. Powers' family at Springfield, Mass., have been advised of his death, but have not yet been heard from in reply to the intimation.

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Uncle John A Total Wreck

Lumber Vessel Goes Ashore Between Carmanah and Beale Lighthouses.

Two Sealing Schooners Return From Their Cruises in Behring Sea.

The American barkentine Uncle John is a total wreck on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, eight miles west of the Carmanah lighthouse, within a stone's throw of the spot where the lumber schooner Vesta was wrecked a few years ago. The crew of the Uncle John reached shore safely and are camped on the beach. It was on Saturday last that the barkentine ran ashore, having evidently mistaken the Cape Beale light for the Carmanah light, and thinking that she had a clean run up the Straits. This is the mistake often made by strangers to the waters of the entrance to the Straits of Fuca. She was bound for the Sound from Honolulu, which port she left fourteen days ago, having taken a cargo of lumber from Eureka, Cal., to the Hawaiian capital. Details of the accident have not yet been received, the news of her wreck being received here yesterday in the following brief telegram from a member of the crew of the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Willapa, which left here on Sunday night and passed the scene of the wreck early yesterday morning:

"Barkentine Uncle John ashore eight miles westward of Carmanah lighthouse, close to Remarkable waterfall. Fourteen days from Honolulu. Went ashore Saturday night. Crew safe on the beach. Considerable sea running. I believe the vessel will be a total loss."

The Uncle John is a barkentine of 273 tons register and is commanded by Capt. Murchison. She left Eureka on August 27 with a lumber cargo, and arrived at Honolulu on September 13. The fact that she had sailed from the latter port was not known until news was received of her wreck. It is rather remarkable that the information did not reach here earlier, as the vessel lies between two telegraph stations, Cape Beale and Carmanah, and within a few miles of either. It is probable that the Willapa will bring the captain and crew to Victoria on her return trip. The coast where the Uncle John ran ashore is very rocky and exposed to the full force of the ocean storms. It will be remembered that when the Vesta struck she was not seriously damaged, but was driven so far up that it was impossible to get her off.

FIRST SEALERS HOME.

Schooners Dora Siewerd and Ocean Belle Reach Port With Good Catches.

Before a piping wind the schooners Dora Siewerd, Captain H. F. Siewerd, and Ocean Belle, Captain R. O. Lavender, returned to port from the Behring Sea sealing grounds on Sunday with catches of 1,233 and 756 skins respectively. Captain Siewerd brings news that a total of six sealers have lost their lives in Behring sea this year, two being whites and the others Indians. The schooner Borealis was the unfortunate craft losing the white men, the missing men being known to Captain Siewerd as "Gus" and "Lieth Frank," one having worked on the schooner Siewerd last year. The fate of those men has been the fate of scores of others, who leaving their vessel in the morning and are caught in a storm which comes up too quickly to allow them opportunity to return to the vessel, or a fog envelopes them and they lose their bearings. This it seems was the case with the Borealis men. The schooners Penelope and Favorite lost their canoes this year under similar conditions, that of the latter being picked up upside down some days later.

The Dora Siewerd reports the following catches: Mary Taylor 15; August 10, Ainoka, 725; August 22, Teresa, 692; August 22, Victoria, 692; August 25, Umbrina, 840; August 28, Minnie, 400; August 28, Geneva, 200; August 30, City of San Diego, 414; August 31, Favorite, 650; September 7, Arietis, 850; August 29, Umbrina, 720; September 2, Otto, 700; September 7, Walter L. Rich, 700; Viva, 600; Penelope, 300; September 10, Libbie, 776; September 9, Emma and Louise, 700 and Teresa, 800. All the above catches will have been increased since the schooners were reported. The Libbie only hunted for two days when her gear became damaged and she had to put into Ounalaska for repairs. The Borealis and Penelope left Ounalaska at the same time as the Ocean Belle, and should be here soon. The Borealis was doubly unfortunate this year, having lost a hunter named Joseph Ladelle, who died from sickness during the voyage. Captain Siewerd says he found the weather on the whole very unfavorable for sealing this year. It was not tempestuous, but very unreliable. Seal on the other hand were fairly plentiful.

GOSSIP OF THE WATER FRONT.

The City of Seattle and the Cottage City had an exciting 500-mile straightaway race from Mary Island to Seymour Narrows on the last downward trip. The Cottage City was a very good second, only two miles in the rear.

Steamer Tees went around to Esquimalt yesterday to go on the marine ways for inspection. The steamer Queen City will make the next trip north, leaving here on Wednesday evening.

Captain Gage, of the steamer Walla Walla, has been given command of the State of California, and Captain Hall, formerly of the Orizaba, has succeeded him.

Bark Guy C. Goss from Chemainus for Taku July 21, arrived safely with her lumber cargo September 16.

Steamer Princess Louise is now a little overdue from northern British Columbia ports.

Steamer Cottage City goes North on her return voyage Thursday.

Register as a Voter.—Do not delay any longer. On the fourth page of to-day's paper you will find a list of the places where you can have the necessary application made out for you. If it is not convenient for you to leave your place of business, send word to the Colonist and we will see that you are registered.

CHINESE ORGANIZING.

Their Object to Restore the Throne to the Present Emperor.

Kang Yu Wei, the Chinese reformer, who has been in Victoria and vicinity since his return from London some months ago, has not been idle, but has been industriously at work organizing the Chinese of Canada and tht United States, and raising funds to bring about the restoration to power of the reform party in China, headed by the Emperor, who is at present but Emperor in name, the Empress Dowager being the real ruler of the Flowery Kingdom. The Chinese of British Columbia are already organized, with Charley Yip Yen, the C. P. R. interpreter, of Vancouver, as president. A considerable amount of money has been subscribed in sums ranging from $50 to $500, and proclamations have been issued asking the Chinese who are friendly to the reform party to subscribe what they can.

Feeling safer under the British flag, where he has a red-coated guard to protect his person, Kang Yu Wei will not venture into the States, but is sending envoys over to enlist the sympathies of the Chinese in the American cities. In a few days three of the leaders in British Columbia will go to San Francisco, from where they will commence operations in the States. These envoys are Kong Fook and Chu Tung of Victoria and Dr. Lew, of Vancouver, they being among the most influential of the Chinese residents.

How Kang intends to effect the restoration of the Emperor he and his followers of course decline to say.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

3—Birdcage Walk and Superior street James Bay.
4—Carr and Simcoe streets, James Bay.
5—Michigan and Menzies streets, James Bay.
6—Menzies and Niagara streets, James Bay.
7Montreal and Kingston streets, James Bay.
8—Montreal and Simcoe streets, James Bay.
9—Dallas Road and Simcoe street, James Bay.
14—Vancouver and Burdette avenue.
15—Douglas and Humboldt streets.
15—Humboldt and Rupert streets.
23—Fort and Government streets.
24—Yates and Wharf streets.
25—Johnson and Government streets.
26—Douglas street, between Fort and View streets.
27—No. 1 Fire Hall, Pandora street.
31—View and Blanchard streets.
32—Fort and Quadra streets.
34—Yates and Cook streets.
35—Yates and Fernwood streets.
36—Junction Oak Bay and Cadboro roads.
37—Cadboro and Richmond roads.
41—Quadra and Pandora streets.
42—Chatham and Blanchard streets.
43—Caledonia and Cook streets.
45—Spring Ridge.
51—Douglas and Discovery streets.
52—Government and Princess streets.
53—Kings road and Second street.
54—Fountain, Douglas street and Hillside avenue.
56—Oaklands Fire Hall.
61—Cormorant and Store streets.
62—Discovery and Store streets.
63—John and Bridge streets.
64—Catherine street, Victoria West.
65—Springfield avenue and Esquimalt road.
71—Douglas street and Burnside road.

FALL SHOWS.

Salmon Arm ..... Oct. 9-10
Kamloops .....Oct. 11-12-13
Saanich .....Oct. 20-21

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ROSSLAND.

It will be remembered that several weeks ago Major Frank Moberly, C.E., had the misfortune to break both bones of his leg. He was taken to the hospital and the fracture was reduced. One of the bones knit properly, but the other has not, and the surgeons have decided to break the leg again and reset it, in order thot Major Meberly may not be permanently lame.

After many attempts to find a suitable building for an additional school room, the trustees finally decided to lease the only available place that could be found, in the room immediately beneath the large hall of the Salvation Army barracks. Yesterday morning sixty-five overflow pupils, all belonging to the primary grade, were sent to the new room and placed under the care of Miss Georgina Agnew, who has had experience in Manitoba, and who is known as a thoroughly competent teacher. The rent of the premises is $50 per month, and the trustees expect to receive a protest from the authorities at Victoria about the matter, but it was the best that could be done, and, as one of them remarked: "It may hasten the erection of a new building."

All meats in the Kootenays and probably throughout the province have been advanced an average of at least 2 cents a pound. Mr. R. D. Blair, of the firm of P. Burns & Co., says: "The chief reason for the advance is the scarcity of stocks of all kinds, and especially of beef and pork. The wholesale butchers are paying 35 per cent. more for live beef, pork and mutton than heretofore, and this advance has been going on since January. The wholesalers have not made a cent since then, but instead have had heavy losses. In consequence of the advance in the cost of live stock, the wholesalers have been compelled to raise the price of meats to the retailers, and the latter have been compelled to do the same with the public. The cause of the shortage was the war and the consequent call for more provisions for the American troops, and the fact that all the young stock had been bought up before this. In addition to that, good crops of wheat and the good prices obtained for cereals had tended to make it more profitable to dispose of the wheat than to feed it to stock, and in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories little attention has been paid to the keeping of the ranges, but the farmers have instead turned their attention to the raising of grain. It is only a short time ago since Ontario purchased hogs and steers in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. Now the positions are reversed, and British Columbia is sending east to Ontario for live stock. On the Coast frozen mutton from Australia is taking the place of the native meat, and the same conditions are prevailing throughout the province. A year or two ago the Americans began to purchase all the young steers they could secure in Canada, and they have gone on doing it since, until it has become a serious problem where the supply will come from in the near future. The firm of Gordon & Ironside, of Winnipeg, which is the largest dealer in cattle in the country, has found the difficulties increasing, and is not able to fully supply the demands made. The wholesalers have advanced the prices from 10 to 15 per cent., and the advance with retailers has been proportionate."—Record.

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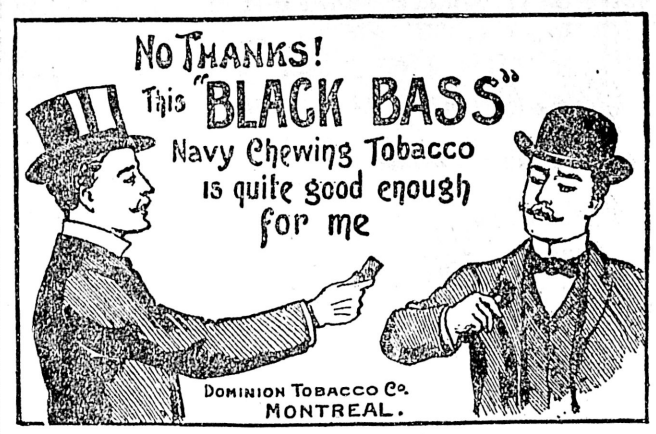

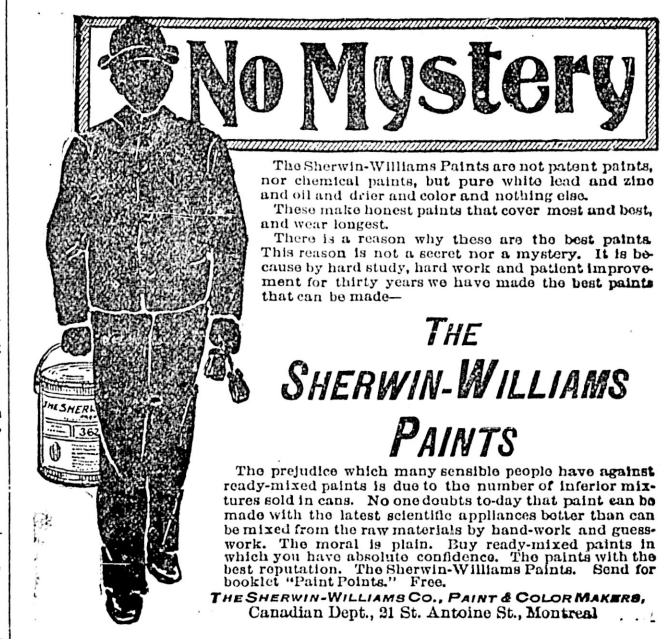

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Finance and Commerce

New York, Oct. 9.—Buying by houses for London account made the highest prices of the day in the general list at the opening. As soon as that trade was satisfied, the market began to drag. There was some support when prices were firm and steel stocks were bid up, but the fact was obvious that there was no demand for securities, and the downward drift was renewed. By the close of the day the gains were wiped out, except in a few cases, and a number of industrial stocks showed quite large losses. Steel and wire was a notable exception, and rose three points on reports of new properties acquired, most of the gains being retained at the close. Sugar and Tobacco enjoyed their period of strength but both of them closed at net losses. There was some large buying of U. S. Leather, but its gain was not maintained. Omaha, ptd., which sold at 180, was offered at 185, and from that down without finding any takers. St Paul, ptd., sold early at 171, and later at 169. The bond market was also weak, reflecting the high prevailing rate for money. The situation in the local money market showed very little change, loans being made as high as 10 per cent., and as low as 6 per cent. The majority of the loans were made at from 8 to 10 per cent. Stocks closed as follows:

American Cotton Oil	44½
American Tobacco	121½
American Sugar	141
Anaconda Mining Co.	49½
A. T. & S. F. (all paid)	29¾
A. S. & W.	53
Baltimore & Ohio	70½
Brooklyn R. T.	57⅝
C. P. R.	92¾
C. & O.	25⅜
Chicago, Bur. & Quincy	129½
Chicago Gas	109¼
Chicago & N. W.	16
Chicago, R. I. & P.	112¼
Chicago, Mil. & St. P.	124½
Continental Tobacco	42½
Col. Fuel & Iron	55
Cleveland, C. C. & St. L.	56
Del., Lack. & West.	167½
Delaware & Hudson	122¼
Denver & Rio Grande, pfd	74½
Federal Steel	54⅝
Jersey Central	120
Louisville & Nashville	80½
Manhattan Elevated	107¼
Missouri Pacific	44
Metropolitan Traction	196
National Lead Co.	30¼
Northern Pac., com (new)	52⅝
Northern Pacific, pfd	74½
New York Central & H.	134⅜
N. Y., L. E. & W., 2nd pfd	19
N. Y., Ont & W.	24⅝
Pacific Mail	40½
Southern Railway, com	11½
Southern Pacific	37½
U. S. Leather	14¾
U. S. Rubber	48¾
U. P., com	43⅜
Western Union	87¾
Commercial Cable, in Montreal	183
C. P. R., in London	94¾

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Local Share Market

[Reported by Cuthbert & Co.]

MONDAY, Oct. 9.

There is no doubt but what the market is very dull at present, but it cannot be said that it is inactive. Some considerable sales are being made in outside cities at the present prices, but whether these are the result of a desire on the part of large holders to realize, believing that prices will go still lower, or a desire on the part of those who see a good time ahead to buy while the market is weak, it is very difficult to say. Of one thing we are convinced, that the Rossland camp never had the opportunity to show what the mines of that section are capable of that it has to-day. When our Mr. Cuthbert first visited that camp the freight and treatment charges were $12.50 per ton, and stocks were selling then at double the present prices. To-day the freight and treatment charges are $5 per ton, which means that ore which at that time would not pay to ship, and was not calculated as an asset, will yield a profit of $6 or $7 per ton. In an interview of some three years ago in Toronto, Mr. Cuthbert pointed out the vast importance of these second-class ore dumps to the shareholders of the Rossland mines, and of their probable future value, and if under the present conditions the properties of this camp can not be worked at a very substantial profit, the properties are certainly not what they have been thought to be.

We should not be surprised at a great boom in Rossland stocks in the near future. They have been low for a long time, and while at present there are no signs of such a boom, we cannot help but believe that with the present change in the conditions prevailing it is only a question of a few months before a sharp general advance will take place. The properties most likely to be benefited are the Jumbo, Iron Mask, Iron Horse, Iron Colt, Homestake, Evening Star, Virginia and Deer Park. These stocks were never so low as at present, and any one, for a speculation, offers a very good chance to secure substantial gains within a few months. We cannot be said to have unduly pressed the Rossland securities upon the public in the past, but when conditions change so materially we are bound to take note of them in this report. General quotations are unchanged. We will give them in detail to-morrow, and also refer to our trip to Vancouver Island's greatest gold and copper mine, the Lenora.

Shares and Produce.

(Reported by F. S. Taggart & Co.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Closed
Amn. Sugar	141½	142¾	141¼	141¼
C., B. & Q.	130	130	129⅝	129¾
C., M. & St. P.	125¼	125¼	124½	124⅝
Manhattan	108¼	108¼	107¼	107¼
People's Gas	109¾	110	109½	109½
C., R. I. & P.	112¾	112¾	112½	112½
Amn. Tobacco	124	124	122	122
A.T. & S.F., pfd	63¼	63¼	62½	62½
T. C. & I.	116	116¼	115½	115½
U. P., pfd	76¼	76¼	75⅞	75⅞
A.T.&S.F., com.	20¾	20¾	20¼	20¾
L. & N.	81¼	81¼	80⅝	81
R. R. T.	88¼	88¼	87½	87½
N. P., pfd	74¾	74¾	74¾	74¾
U. P., com	43¼	43¼	43⅜	43⅜
A. S. W., com	50⅝	53¼	50⅝	53½

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MONDAY'S LEAGUE BALL.

At Washington—First game—Washington 8, Baltimore 6. Second game—Washington 2, Baltimore 2.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 3, Boston 1.

At St. Louis—First game—St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 4. Second game—St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 6.

Letters to the Editor.

COWICHAN WEIRS.

Sir: I have been hoping that some of those who have been writing in the Times would reply to my letter regarding the Cowichan weirs, because their arguments, "that they are no obstruction to fish, and that a ten-pound salmon can go through them," that is through an opening 1½ inches wide (was the gentleman comparing salmon to eels?) been to my mind so absurd that I thought they might have some theory not patent in their letters, and I am always anxious for instruction. As, however, they do not seem inclined to reply, I should like to mention some other points connected with the river in this district. They are many and at wide distances apart, and the laws seem to be sufficient if carried out to protect the fish.

How are they carried out? There is one sub-inspector for the whole district, but even that one holds several other offices, which pretty well confine him to the court house, Duncans. He is, I am aware willing and anxious to do his duty as to the rivers, but this is of course impossible. To watch the rivers effectively would require four or five men. Now, in my opinion, we cannot expect the government to employ such a number, but I think they might employ one man exclusively in this duty. Not that that would be sufficient, but unpaid conservators could be appointed from gentlemen who reside near and are interested in the fishing in the rivers. No private individual likes to put himself forward as prosecutor in the matters in question, but if he held a commission as conservator and could point to the fact that it was his duty to do so, it would be different. These conservators might be given certain limited powers; they could hold meetings and consult as to recommendations to be made to the government with regard to regulations, etc.

I proposed this way out of the difficulty to the Dominion government some years since but merely received the reply "that they did not see their way to adopt it." I had before doing so canvassed several magistrates and others in the district all of whom expressed themselves willing to act. The same system prevails in Ireland where it has worked well. It is useless, and even mischievous, to pass restrictive laws without being prepared to carry them out. Take the case of the wiers. They seem to me to be entirely illegal under the act, consequently there are no regulations which touch them as regards an open gap or a weekly close time. Such regulations existed under a former act, under which the weirs were allowed. It is I believe said that the Indians possess certain treaty rights with regard to these weirs. If it is so, the fact does not surely take away the parliamentary right to deal with them so as to prevent the fishing being destroyed.

On the Blackwater river, in the south of Ireland, the Duke of Devonshire has an absolute right, established before the highest court of appeal, to the fish and even to the bed and soil of the river for sixteen or eighteen miles from the mouth. He has a weir at the head of his water, built right across the river, but he is forced to keep a gap always open in the centre about, I think, 50 feet wide. All traps have to be open and no netting is allowed during the close season or the weekly close time, and he is not allowed to draw a net within fifty yards of the weir.

His rights are surely as good as those of the Indians here, but they are subject to restriction for the public good. If something is not done in the direction I mention, I believe the fishing will continue to deteriorate.

EDWARD MUSGRAVE.

Duncans, Oct. 8, 1899.

TURNED TURTLE AT SEA.

Mysterious Listing of Well-Filled Cargo Steamer Off the Jamaican Coast.

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 27.—There is much mystery about the sinking of the Atlas Steamship Company's steamer the Adula on Monday in four hundred fathoms of water. There was a perfect calm at the time. The steamer listed twice after leaving Kingston, from which port she had sailed at daybreak, but the helm righted her. Her third list, which occurred when she was about three miles off the eastern extremity of Jamaica, was so alarming that the captain ordered the cargo consisting of two thousand barrels of oranges, thrown overboard.

Every man was on deck at the time, but the list was so rapid that nothing could be done. Life belts were served out, and the boats lowered.

The crew, numbering seventeen, leaped overboard. Five of them were drawn into the vortex as the steamer sank, and were drowned. Connor, the carpenter, was fatally injured by the revolving propeller, and died soon afterward.

No satisfactory explanation has been offered for the accident. Captain Forwood suggests that the suction pump in the ballast tank may have burst, letting one hundred and ten tons of water into the hold. The general opinion is that the Adula was topheavy, as her cargo was all between decks.

No bodies were recovered. Sharks abound in the vicinity of the wreck.

The American schooner Adele Jackson, Captain McKeen, has arrived here, thirty-one days out from Philadelphia. At ten o'clock on last Saturday night lightning split her maintopmast, burned her sails, and stunned five of the crew.

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Miss Percival, of Ealing, the youngest but one of the twelve children of the Right Hon. Spencer Percival, the English Prime Minister who was assassinated in the lobby of the House of Commons in the early part of the century, entered upon her 95th year on August 27 last. She still continues to show a keen interest in all around her, and retains a vivid recollection of the tragedy of her childhood.

Queen Victoria, it is reported, has sent to Emperor William a prized copy of her family tree, showing King David at the top. A pet idea entertained by the Queen is that she is descended from the Psalmist through Zedekiah's eldest daughter, and it is said that Emperor William's conviction of his divine origin is greatly due to his grandmother's foible.—Philadelphia Record.

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MINERAL ACT, 1896.

(Form F.)

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENT.

NOTICE.

"Struan" Mineral Claim situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Goldstream District.

Where located:—On Mt. Skirt adjoining the "Lubbe" Mineral Claim.

Take notice, that I, Duncan Stewart, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, Free Miner's Certificate No. 50706, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above Claim.

And further take notice that action, under Section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 12th day of August, 1899.

DUNCAN STEWART.

Take notice that Louis Blank has this day sold all his interest in the business lately carried on as the I. X. L. Bicycle Store, on Government street, in the City of Victoria, B. C., to Roy William Nevin and Clement Leopold Royds. All parties having accounts against the said business are requested to send them in forthwith to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to the said business are also requested to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the undersigned.

Dated this 4th day of October, 1899.

R. W. NEVIN,
C. L. ROYDS.

NOTICE.

Application will be made at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for a transfer of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors on the premises known as the White Horse Saloon, Humboldt street, Victoria, unto William Bennett Reid.

Dated this 6th day of September, 1899.

Witness: JAMES M. BARKER.
J. P. WALLS.

NOTICE

CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME.

Notice is hereby given that the Union Colliery Company of British Columbia, Limited Liability, intends to apply to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor for permission to change its name to that of the "Wellington Colliery Company, Limited Liability."

Dated Victoria, 18th July, 1899.

DAVIE, POOLEY & LUXTON,
Solicitors to the Union Colliery Company o

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act and the Creditors Trust Deeds Act, that John B. McKilligan, accountant, and Richard T. Elliott, solicitor, both of Victoria, in the province of British Columbia, trustees appointed by the order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, dated the 25th day of October, A.D., 1898, to perform the duties of executors of the last will of Theodore Davie, deceased, late of Victoria aforesaid, Chief Justice of the said province, and administering the estate of this said deceased, have this day filed in the Registry of the Supreme Court at Victoria, British Columbia, a declaration that the estate of the said deceased is insufficient for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the said deceased.

The said declaration was signed by the said John B. McKilligan on the 19th day of August, A.D., 1899, and by the said Richard T. Elliott on the 5th day of September, A.D., 1899.

A meeting of the creditors of the said deceased will be held at the office of McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, Bank of Montreal Chambers, Bastion street, Victoria, B. C., on Friday, the 15th day of September, 1899, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 11th day of September, 1899.

M'PHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD.
Solicitors for the above named J. B. McKilligan and R. T. Elliott.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next sitting of the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria, B. C., we shall apply for a transfer of the license held by us to sell spirituous and fermented liquors on the premises lately known as the Gordon Hotel, situate at No. 9 Johnson street, in the City of Victoria aforesaid to George Wilson.

G. PARKER.
GEO. EDMONDS.

Victoria, Sept. 8th, 1899.

NOTICE.

Young Street, between Michigan and Toronto Sts. is closed to Traffic.

C. H. TOPP,
City Engineer

NOTICE.

CARIBOO GOLD FIELDS, L'T'D.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that Mr. Arthur Percy Palmer has been duly appointed manager at Barkerville of the above company's property and business in British Columbia in place of Mr. Leicester A. Bonner, resigned, and that all company cheques will be henceforth signed jointly by Mr. Palmer and by Mr. Alfred Humber, accountant to the said company.

Notice is also hereby given that Mr. John Herbert Turner, of Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Co., merchants, 90 Wharf street, Victoria, is the company's duly registered agent in British Columbia.

Notice is also hereby given that Mr. Leicester A. Bonner and Mr. Ernest E. Bonner have no authority to act on behalf of the company.

Dated the 6th day of October, 1899.

HUNTER & OLIVER,
Solicitors for the Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited.

The Stadacona Silver-Copper Mining Co.

Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting of the Stadacona Silver-Copper Mining Company, limited liability, will be held at the office of the company, No. 64 Yates street, in the City of Victoria, B. C., on Saturday, the 21st day of October, 1899, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing resolutions authorizing the sale of the whole of the assets of the company and entering into an agreement to this end with the New Company about to be incorporated under the Companies Act, 1897, with Non-Personal Liability.

Dated this 18th day of Sept., 1899.

WILLIAM WILSON, Trustee.
J. E. BOSS, Trustee.
W. H. ELLIS, Trustee.
WILLIAM DALBY, Secretary.

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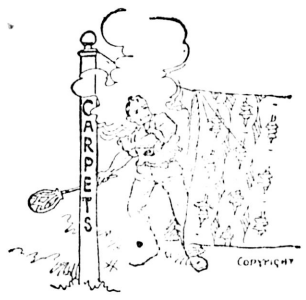

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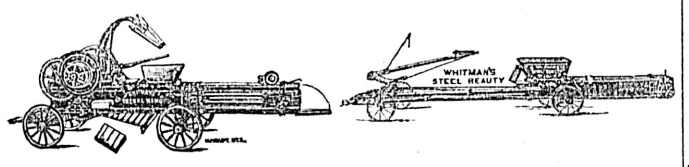

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
VICTORIA, Oct. 9—8 p.m.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

The pressure has somewhat given way over British Columbia, but the high area still remains on the Washington coast, while low areas now prevail over Southern California and Manitoba respectively. Snow is falling at Barkerville, and light rains are reported from the Canadian Territories.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	48	55
New Westminster	40	54
Kamloops	44	50
Barkerville	26	36
Calgary	34	40
Winnipeg	42	60
Portland, Ore.	48	55
San Francisco, Cal.	70	82

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Tuesday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Moderate to fresh winds, partly cloudy, followed probably by local showers.

Lower Mainland—Moderate winds, partly cloudy, followed by local showers.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, Oct. 8.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	54	Mean	54
Noon	57	Highest	58
5 p.m.	53	Lowest	50

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.....16 miles southwest.
Noon.....24 miles southwest.
5 p.m.....16 miles southwest.

Average State of Weather—Partly cloudy.

Rain—.02 inch.

Sunshine—5 hours 36 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.250
Corrected.....30.232

MONDAY, Oct. 9.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	48	Mean	55
Noon	53	Highest	55
5 p.m.	49	Lowest	46

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m.....2 miles west.
Noon.....8 miles east.
5 p.m.....5 miles south.

Average State of Weather—Fair.

Sunshine—7 hours 24 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.104
Corrected.....30.092

PASSENGERS.

By Islander from Vancouver (Sunday):

A. Crowe.	F. Workel.
C. Mowrell.	Mrs. C. Mowrell.
J. H. Fitzhugh.	A. McNabb.
J. Cain.	W. Longson.
Miss Marshall.	G. S. Galloway.
H. J. Browne.	G. W. Booth.
Mrs. G. W. Booth.	G. C. Tulford.
J. B. Giffen.	A. Tillet.
H. W. Treat.	Mrs. H. W. Treat.
L. O. N. McPherson.	G. Henderson.
R. N. Grogan.	H. Freiduck.
A. M. Grogan.	E. Brown.
E. P. Davis.	A. Farrell.
J. H. Clarke.	J. Freeman.
W. J. Holden.	R. L. Drury.
D. Higginson.	H. Smith.
W. Furness.	Col. Wolfenden.
Mrs. Walker.	Mrs. Engelhardt.
Miss A. Hall.	Mrs. Cole.
Miss Maynard.	Miss McKitrick.
J. Colbeck.	E. Rutherford.
C. M. Cookson.	C. McRae.
Mrs. C. M. Cookson.	Mrs. Laughlin.
Mrs. Peterson.	J. Dort.
F. Nelson.	J. Raymond.
Mrs. Blythe.	Mrs. Johnson.
Mrs. Raymond.	F. S. Maclure.
Miss Raymond.	Miss Vettle.
Mrs. Doker.	Mrs. Leonard.
E. C. Pendray.	Misses McDowell.
W. J. Power.	R. B. Seabrook.
E. W. McLean.	G. Watt.

By Victorian from the Sound (Sunday):

F. Hodgson.	S. H. Barton.
E. L. Waculin.	W. Johnson.
Mrs. E. L. Waculin.	G. Graham.
E. E. Blackwood.	J. Peters.
D. Graham.	C. Booth.
M. Olney.	H. Caldwell.
Miss Olney.	W. A. Bishop.
Mrs. Stromson.	Miss Hondis.
C. H. McKell.	C. J. V. Spratt.
W. C. Croft.	H. M. Thrall.
C. Strong.	Wm. Thrall.
R. J. Sprasner.	Wm. Godfrey.
Geo. Hozen.	Mrs. Pearson.
Mrs. Geo. Hozen.	Miss Pearson.
Jos. McKeen.	Frank Booth.
E. H. Wallace.	G. E. Cowles.

By steamer Tees from Skagway:

Capt. C. Joy.	P. S. Shallcross.
Mrs. J. S. Onell.	Thos. H. Wilson.
W. Maling.	D. A. Wilkinson.
Mrs. Anderson.	Mrs. Ranreau.
Oscar Anderson.	J. G. Preston.
W. B. Naylor.	John W. Brown.
A. Saunders.	Angus Hobl.
H. E. Hammond.	John Hobl.
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S. Johnson.	W. J. Fortsy.
I. C. Guillan.	Geo. Fortsy.
C. Johnson.	W. P. Edwards.
C. W. Arneld.	R. Rdland.
C. O. Lambert.	Geo. Arthur.
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Wild Rush to Cape Nome.

Thousands of Men Go Down the Yukon to the New Goldfields.

Prospects of Much Suffering During the Long Arctic Winter.

Budget of News From All Sections of the Northern Country.

The people of Dawson and the Yukon Valley have undoubtedly come to the conclusion that the Cape Nome gold fields are fabulously rich, and despite the predictions of a hard winter on account of the scarcity of fuel and provisions, are flocking there in large numbers. Every steamer going down the river is crowded with men and women, and in some cases even children. They do not wait to consider what they will do to keep warm and well nourished during the long Arctic winter, but are rushing pell mell to get a share of the gold, which men coming up tell them is being picked up on the beach. That there will be untold sufferings goes without saying. A few steamers are attempting a late trip through Behring sea to the mouth of the Yukon with fuel and provisions, and several steamboat loads will go down from Dawson, but even if all they carry reaches Cape Nome it will not be sufficient for the crowds that are rushing there. Early in the year it was thought that Cape Nome would attract many, but the contradictory reports stemmed the tide that was flowing that way. Finally samples of the gold reached Dawson and with them reports that the men could rely upon. Then the rush started in earnest, and now it is on in full. Men are throwing up good positions and deserting their work to get down the river before the frost king seals it.

Passengers who arrived here on the steamer Tees on Sunday are authority for the statement that the exodus has demoralized the steamboat service on the upper Yukon, crews deserting the steamers and forcing them into winter quarters long before it would otherwise have been necessary, so that they might join in the stampede. In some cases the Mounted Police were called upon to hold crews that had been signed for the season, but the men left at the first opportunity. What was true of the crews was also true of the men engaged to keep a supply of wood along the river. They left their work and the passengers and crews of the last steamers that came up had to go ashore and gather fuel. In some cases steamers which usually take four and five days to make the trip from Dawson were twice as long on account of the scarcity of wood.

This is a very serious matter to the steamboat companies. At the best it was hardly possible for them to handle all the freight that they had contracts for, and now they will have to leave a great deal behind. A gentleman who came up the river says there are between two and three thousand tons of goods at Bennett and other points that will have to remain there all winter and probably be seriously damaged. Steamboats and scows are taking all they can, but another week now will see the close of navigation, and in fact already a number of the steamers have gone into winter quarters, some of the captains being among the passengers on the Tees.

The company that has derived the greatest benefit from this late rush of goods is the Victoria-Yukon Trading Company, who have been kept busy turning out scows and boats at their Lake Bennett mill. They also had the contract for supplying the telegraph construction party.

The output of the Klondike mines is likely to be very materially lessened on account of the exodus. Labor was not any too plentiful before it commenced, and now it is feared it will be very scarce during the winter. Good wages are being paid, miners getting $15 a day, but even this will not tempt them.

The Tees had about 150 passengers, most of them from the interior, and probably $75,000 in gold dust, held principally by traders. The largest holder was James Adair, formerly a commercial traveller of Toronto, who took in a cargo of goods and brought out $20,000; while C. S. Preston, of the Nugget Express, and A. Goldstein, another trader, had $15,000 each. There were other men with satisfied looks and well-filled purses. Among the Victorians who returned were F. G. H. Bowker, the manager in the Yukon for the British America Corporation; F. Hinds and M. Macabe, of the Bennett hotel; P. S. Shallcross and D. Dallas, of the Victoria-Yukon Company.

The trip was far from a pleasant one. From the time the Tees left Vancouver going North until she reached Union yesterday morning, there was not a single fine day. It rained continuously, and at times the fog was frightfully dense. During one of these fogs, on Tuesday morning last, just after the steamer had left Skagway, she struck Eldred reef and remained there for nine hours, but was not badly damaged, although she will have to go on the ways for an examination. Capt. Gosse was feeling his way out of the canal when suddenly the reef loomed up ahead. The engines were reversed, so that the steamer just drifted on.

A lot of telegrams from Dawson were brought down by Purser Munro.

COTTAGE CITY ARRIVES.

Another Northern Steamer Reached Port Yesterday Afternoon.

Crowded to her passenger limit, the Alaskan mail steamer Cottage City reached Victoria from the North at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, with arrivals from Dawson, Atlin, Cook's Inlet, Copper river and the Coast towns of the Far North. Having 200 barrels of herring oil from the Killisnoo oil works to land here for shipment to England, the vessel spent an hour or so longer in port than usual. The steamer had over 300 passengers on board, and the steerage quarters were so full that it was next to impossible to move about.

News comes from Dawson of the suicide of a young Swede named Alexander Lind, who shot himself through the head late last month and died next day. The act is said to have been the result of a fit of despondency.

Those of the passengers just out from Atlin—and there were many—report that that part of the country had experienced one or two cold snaps just prior to their departure. Mining on several of the creeks had been suspended for the season, while on a number of the lower creeks hydraulicing had commenced on a small scale with good success. The gold quartz proposition being developed near Atlin is turning out quite as rich as the most sanguine had expected. A few shipments of ore have already been made, a sample lot for testing at Tacoma coming down on the Cottage City.

"MESSAGE" FROM ANDREE.

Bottle Containing an Evidently Forged Note Found Near Skagway.

Before the Cottage City left Skagway, which is now nearly a week ago, as the vessel had to call at all Alaskan ports and lay over 24 hours at Killisnoo, an alleged message from Andree was found. The missive was found in a bottle, and reads as follows: "July, 1898—Point Barrow, Alaska. I am now in camp at this place, and expect to resume my journey on the 1st of August. Andree." The report did not create the least excitement, and has been generally set down as a poor attempt at joking.

THE EARTHQUAKES.

Residents of Yakutat Panic-Stricken When the Shocks Were Felt.

W. M. Roch, of Yakutat, was one of the passengers arriving on the Cottage City, and tells an interesting story of the earthquake which occurred on September 10. He is an old resident of San Diego, and says the shock was the severest that has ever been felt on the Coast. The residents of the town, of whom there are 150, were panic-stricken and rushed from their cabin homes. A great wall of water seemed to surround the town like a tidal wave, and the earth gave way in many places. A 10 or 15-acre square facing on Yakutat Bay completely disappeared. Over on the little island of Cantaz, too, the sea swallowed up the most southern point, known to all travellers in northern waters as the site of the old Russian mission. A big cross had marked the spot, but will now be no longer seen. Mr. Roch says he was outside when the shock came, and he had to cling to a tree.

A. Flenner, the mining recorder for the United States government at Glacier Bay, and four others were struck by a kind of tidal wave and carried inshore a considerable distance. He was in his cabin down near the beach when the first sensation of the disturbance was felt. He was only partially dressed when his cabin began to roll. Rushing out he was just in time to be caught by a mountain of water which rolled in from the sea, and was carried by it to the higher levels.

The glacier, Mr. Flenner says, was not broken up by the earthquake, but it was moved about three-quarters of a mile out into the bay. Mr. Flenner stated that the country was no place for a poor man, although those now there are doing fairly well. In his official capacity as recorder he says he has recorded over 150 claims this last summer. He hopes to return to Glacier Bay in April next.

FROM COOK'S INLET.

Few Miners Make a Success of Their Venture in That District.

One of the Cook Inlet arrivals was S. Hogan, of Seattle. He reports that 150 men will winter at Cook's Inlet to 250 who spent the winter there a year ago. Mining has not been very successful on the whole, but a few companies will do pretty well. One, the Polly Mining Company, was just about abandoning operations when after following up a stream they struck it rich. All are well grubstaked and will pass the winter in fair circumstances.

COPPER RIVER RICH.

Copper and Lead Quartz Found by a Newspaper Man.

F. B. Harrington, a Portland newspaper man, who some six years ago had charge of the mining department of the Oregonian, passed through on the Cottage City. He has been in the Copper River district since January, 1898, and claims to have found some rich copper and lead quartz, samples of which he carries with him. He says every one in that district is prosperous and bent on staying another year. He brings news that Harris Marcus and A. Nelson were drowned in the Klentina river in August last. They had been out mining and lost their lives, it is supposed, through their boat capsizing. The United States trail to Copper river he says, is in first class condition. About three weeks ago 18 inches of snow fell on the trail between Valdez and Eagle City. The first mail for Valdez was to leave yesterday in charge of A. Holman, and hereafter mails will be forwarded over the route once a month. Mr. Harrington is on his way to Portland.

A fellow-passenger of his was Mr. McLean, who has travelled and prospected extensively in the North. He comes now direct from Cook's Inlet. He has been up the Maddnooska river, where the United States government has a party in the field surveying out a trail to Arctic City in addition to two others making routes up the Shuitma.

HEAVY GOLD SHIPMENT.

Nearly a Million Dollars Comes Out For Bank of Commerce.

According to Skagway papers received by the Cottage City, the heaviest single shipment of gold dust that ever came up the river and over the White Pass road, reached Skagway on October 1. Eleven boxes containing the yellow metal were unloaded from the baggage car and conveyed to a place of safety, awaiting the arrival of a steamer to take it to the Sound. The value of the shipment is about $800,000 in round figures, and it is from the Canadian Bank of Commerce, coming up the river on the steamer Governor Pingree.

SCENERY WRECKED.

Signs That Some of the Glaciers Have Suffered From Earthquakes.

Although the officers of the Cottage City, arriving from the North yesterday, are unable to either confirm or deny the report that Muir glacier disappeared during the recent series of earthquakes, they say they would not be at all surprised to find this proved a fact. Near the mouth of Taku Bay the water is dangerously strewn with ice recently detached from glacier beds; while Icy Passage is at present highly hazardous from the same cause. It was at this latter point that the steamer Wolcott received the report of the wreck of Muir glacier—a report that meets with general acceptance in the North, despite the fact that opportunity of verification has not yet presented itself. In Taku Arm just after the earthquakes, the steam yacht Thistle, owned by Mr. Davies, of Juneau, had a narrow escape from destruction in an ice jam. Mr. Davies says the bay is full of ice for four miles, and the scenic effect of the glacier has been completely destroyed. The Wolcott, which has recently been taken off the Juneau-Skagway run, is going to Juneau very shortly for a thorough overhauling, being afterward put on the westward route between Juneau, Sitka and Dutch Harbor.

DYEA TUNNEL.

Looks As Though the Enterprise Will Go Through—Work Commenced.

Mr. E. McEnay, who has just returned from a visit to Dyea, informs the Alaska Miner that the Chilcoot Pass tunnel is sure to be constructed. Work has already begun on the road, and a pack train is in operation. Engineer Flood, formerly of the White Pass & Yukon railway, has charge of the construction work, and the tunnel will only require to be 1,100 feet in length. The prospect of Dyea becoming a British port is what is stimulating the enterprise.

THE PURE ARTICLE.

A Big Nugget From Wright Creek, in the Atlin District.

Donald McPherson, one of the passengers for Seattle on the Cottage City yesterday, boasts possession of the largest pure-gold nugget yet found in the Northern mining field—that is the largest piece of virgin gold free from so much as a trace of quartz or other admixture. It was picked up on No. 4 below discovery, Wright creek, Atlin, in mid-September, and is so bulky that even a large man cannot close his hand over it. The nugget weighs 20½ ounces, and is $18 gold—that is $18 to the ounce—so that the specimen is actually worth $369.

STORY OF MAJUBA HILL.

Where Boers Took Brave and Successful Advantage of British Military Blunder.

Twelve years have passed since I climbed Majuba (says a writer in the African Review), or, to be literally correct, Amajuba (the hill of wild pigeons). To those unacquainted with South African topography this "mount of ill memory" is presumed to be in the Transvaal, but as a matter of fact it forms part of the colony of Natal, and is one of the heights in the great Drakensberg range, which borders Natal on the west and northwest, rising at points 12,000 feet. Majuba itself is 7,000 feet high. At its base, on the eastern side, lies the historic pass of Laing's Nek, which we failed to take in 1881—the key to the Transvaal. Once through the Nek, and the ground undulates gently for two miles or so, past the hamlet of Charlestown, named after Sir Charles Mitchell, now governor of the Straits Settlement. Half a mile on is a small spruit, which separates British from Boer territory; and across the stream sleeps the Dutch dorp of Volksrust, a veritable picture of inartistic indolence, with its tin shanties and low roadside canteen, crowned with a dirty vierkleur or national flag. I ascended Majuba from the Charlestown side and took exactly the same path as that chosen by the storming Boers on that Sunday in 1881. It was a bright, clear winter's day, and the long, coarse grass which covers the mountain was brown and swaying in the wind. Majuba on this side rises in gradual terraces from the plain, but for the last hundred yards or so it is a terribly stiff pull, till you reach the flat plateau where ill-starred Sir George Pomeroy Colley and his troops bivouacked on the night before the battle. With 600 men from the 58th Regiment, the 60th Rifles and 92nd Highlanders, and the Naval Brigade, he scaled the kranzes on the Newcastle side, leaving some companies to keep the communication open. His force marched without lights, and native guides assisted them in clambering over the boulders and precipitous flanks till they reached the top at 3 on Sunday morning. "It was a marvellous feat in mountaineering. The only thing lacking was artillery. The Boers, in laager at the Nek, fully believed Sir George had got his nine-pounders with him. The old Dutchman who accompanied me in my mournful pilgrimage was one of the Boer storming party. "Alle machtig!" he exclaimed. We thought it was all over when we saw the 'rooi baaties' (red coats) on the top. We expected to be shelled in our camp. We were on the point of retreating when, as no shells came, General Joubert called for volunteers to storm the position. We all went. We crept up the slope in skirmishing order, taking advantage of every bit of cover. As soon as a soldier showed himself on the sky-line above us, we had a shot at him, and they daren't expose themselves too much. You know how hard it is to shoot down, and how easy it is to shoot up." It was a daring idea of Commandant Joubert's, and completely successful. Our troops on the top were not even entrenched, and there is no doubt that they were demoralized by the death or disablement of their comrades on the extreme edge of the plateau—falling at the hands of an unseen enemy. And then came the last scene of this terrible tragedy—headlong rout and flight down the steep kranzes they had scaled that early morning.

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F. S. HUSSEY,
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Provincial Police Department,
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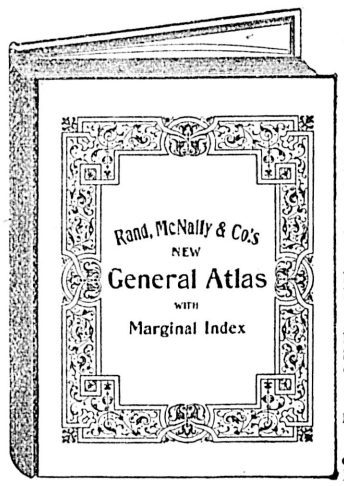

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